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United Arab List MK Taleb a-Sanaa (center) leaves the Knesset plenum after being ejected for waving a black flag during Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's address at yesterday's opening session of the Knesset's winter term. (Isaac Harari)

PM, Peres clash as new Knesset session opens

LIAT COLLINS

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the Knesset yesterday that he intends to continue with the dialogue with the Palestinians and will begin final-status discussions after the Hebron redeployment issue had been resolved.

His address in the plenum was interrupted by heckling, which erupted barely a minute into his speech. Taleb a-Sanaa (United Arab List) not only accused him of causing the deaths of Palestinians in the recent disturbances, he also unfurled a black flag of mourning. He was eventually removed after being called to order three times.

Ahmed Sa'ad (Hadash) was also ejected for heckling.

The debate lasted nearly five hours, but after a rough start, the plenum was almost empty and peaceful. Labor filed a no-confidence motion, but the vote on the motion will only be held next Monday.

Both Netanyahu and opposition leader Shimon Peres warmed up to their new roles during their turns at the lectern.

Netanyahu stressed the national consensus behind an agreement that grants maximum freedom to the Palestinians with maximum security for the Israelis. He repeated his commitment to signed agreements and to the principle of reciprocity.

"We are obviously committed to the Oslo agreement, even though we warned against the dangers it entails," he said. "But we are also obliged to protect the safety of civilians ... We stand on two basic principles: security and reciprocity in respecting agreements."

He stressed a strong and secure peace would be in the interests of both Israelis and Palestinians. He called on the Arabs to renounce terror and called on the world to avoid putting pressure on Israel.

"I call on the Palestinian public again to renounce violence and to go in the way of peace, to peace," Netanyahu said. "I call on the international community to examine the situation here truthfully, to seek the truth. There are so many falsehoods and lies."

He emphasized that he is the prime minister of the whole country.

"When this government was elected, it was clear that the citizens – and I don't necessarily mean those who voted for us – wanted two things: to continue the process of dialogue with the Palestinians in the hope that it would bring about true peace, and to get rid of the security threats which caused the murders of 220 Israelis since the Oslo agreements," Netanyahu said.

He said violations of the agreements are still taking place and called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to "stop the violence, disarm terror organizations, and stop freeing murderers."

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Erez talks in high gear

JON IMMANUEL

THE joint Israeli-Palestinian steering committee, headed by former chief of staff Dan Shomron and Palestinian Authority minister Saeb Erekat, met for more than four hours at the Erez checkpoint yesterday, holding a preliminary discussion about Hebron.

Sources said that the ideas Israel raised have all been mentioned in recent days as ways to meet the government's concern for the security of 400 Jews living in the city.

These ideas include issuing pistols instead of rifles to Palestinian policemen; stationing troops on Jabal Abu Sneineh, which overlooks the Jewish quarter; and increasing the number of soldiers through more joint patrols.

The Palestinian side neither accepted nor rejected the proposals, but today's talks "will be more important because we will get into the details," one of the sources said.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, a confidante of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, said on the *Popolitika* TV program that he thought the talks would be completed within "one month, but it depends on the Palestinians."

Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour said that "nothing new" was raised in the talks yesterday. However, both sides described the atmosphere as "good."

Three US observers – special envoy Dennis Ross, Ambassador Martin Indyk and Consul-General Edward Abington – sat in on the meeting, arriving after it started. They are not expected to offer any proposals unless the talks become deadlocked.

After the meeting, Ross presented a statement on behalf of both sides, saying, "the talks were serious and businesslike."

The Palestinians have said that they will not reopen negotiations on Hebron and are willing to discuss only how the year-old agreement signed in Washington should be implemented.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said yesterday that the Israeli position was "hypocritical," since the agreement on the Hebron withdrawal was reached in consultation with Israel's senior security officials, including Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, the current OC Central Command.

Natshe said that placing the IDF on the high ground at Jabal Abu Sneineh would not add to Israeli security since the entire "Old City is surrounded by hills."

Within the 15%-20% of Hebron to remain under IDF control, "The settlers will be armed, the soldiers will be armed, only the 20-30,000 Palestinians will not be armed. It is unnecessary to talk about the need for security because it is assured 100%," he said.

However, Natshe said that two proposals raised recently would probably not find any objection: increasing the number of joint patrols and international observers.

Natshe yesterday hosted Russian Ambassador Alexander Bovin, a signatory to the Oslo 2 agreement, which includes the agreement on redeploying in Hebron.

Last night, Israel and the Palestinians agreed that both sides would carry only pistols at the Karni truck crossing in Gaza, Israel Radio said.

Netanyahu may prefer final-status talks now

BACKGROUND
DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in the Knesset yesterday that after the Hebron issue is resolved, he is willing to negotiate the final disposition of the territories.

These final-status talks are supposed to deal with issues such as Jerusalem, settlements, refugees, and borders. Ironically, due to the little-understood intricacies of Oslo 2 on further Israeli pullbacks, this is beginning to look more appealing to Netanyahu.

It is important to note the timetable. Final-status talks were slated to begin on May 4, and to be completed three years later. The Peres government actually held a symbolic meeting before the elections, and the Palestinians cite the fact that such talks are not being held as yet another violation of agreements by the Netanyahu government.

(The US was hoping that Netanyahu might announce a date for final-status talks at the White House summit, thereby enabling President Bill Clinton to point to some semblance of progress. However, Netanyahu refused, insisting that to do so would make it seem as if the Palestinians were being rewarded for the violence in the territories.)

Some senior officials suggest that they would prefer to talk about the final disposition of the territories than be put in the apparent straitjacket of Oslo 2, under which by next fall Israel is supposed to pull back from all the territories into "specified military locations" in three stages, while remaining in control of the settlers. (A broader term, withdrawal to "specified security locations," was used in the Camp David Accords.)

Moreover, the locations must also be specified by September 1997, so the issue cannot be fudged.

In a broad sense, Oslo 2 attempted to unlink the territorial aspects of the final-status agreement, which would be decided by September 1997, from non-territorial aspects, such as Palestinian refugees, statehood, and Jerusalem, which did not have to be decided until May 1999.

In other words, the Palestinians could make major territorial gains before talks on such extremely difficult issues are resolved.

There are those in Labor who say that if elected, they would have wrapped up all aspects of peace with the Palestinians within a year, and therefore there would not have been a difference between the end of the pullback phase and the end of the final-status talks.

However, assuming the Netanyahu government does not want to complete final-status talks until it is obligated to do so, it could very well be entering the most critical phase of those talks with very few territorial cards left.

Thus it seems Netanyahu may have wanted to signal that he would prefer final-status talks now to beginning them in earnest after already having yielded most of the territories.

Prime minister's adviser on terrorism warns of attacks

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE prime minister's adviser on combating terrorism has called on the public to increase its awareness and be on extra-sensitive alert for attacks by Islamic extremists this month.

"I don't want to panic the public," Brig.-Gen. Yigal Pressler said. "But there are alerts and I'm not just making this announcement for the hell of it."

He said there is fear – and information – that Islamic Jihad will try to conduct attacks this month.

"October is considered by Islamic Jihad as the month of the intifada, and its activists are holding days of remembrance for a number of incidents, including the death of their leader Fathi Shkaki," Pressler said.

Shkaki was killed last October in Malta, and foreign reports said Israeli agents carried out the assassination.

"There exists a reasonable probability that the organization will try to act around these dates and carry out attacks," he added.

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the fatal Dizengoff Square bombing last March. The group's current head, Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, who is based in Damascus, has declared recently that he wants to hurt the peace process and avenge his predecessor's death.

Weizman to meet with Arafat, Mubarak

News agencies

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat are to meet at Weizman's Caesarea villa today to discuss the peace talks, Weizman's spokeswoman Batya Keinan said yesterday.

A meeting between Weizman and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt is being scheduled for next week, she added.

Arafat confirmed that he would attend the meeting. It will only be Arafat's second trip to Israel. In November 1995, Arafat secretly visited Leah Rabin to express his condolences after her husband's assassination.

"I may be meeting with President Weizman tomorrow," Arafat said yesterday.

Army Radio said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would join the two leaders, but both Keinan and the Prime Minister's Office denied there were any plans for him to participate in the talks.

Keinan said Mubarak had invited Weizman to visit him, but that a specific date had yet to be decided upon.

Weizman: We still need Egypt's support in peace process, Page 2

Bodyguard killed as Arafat's convoy crashes on way to Egypt

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was unhurt yesterday, after two jeeps in his convoy collided while en route to Egypt, killing one Palestinian officer and injuring four.

The jeeps crashed into each other as the convoy was leaving Gaza City, Palestinian officials said.

Yousef Hader, 23, was killed, according to officials at Shifa Hospital in Gaza. Two members of Arafat's personal guard and two police officers were hospitalized with serious injuries.

Arafat, who had been in another car, continued his trip and met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak later in the day.

In May 1995, one of Arafat's guards was killed when the guard crashed into a tree while driving a jeep at the front of the convoy. (AP)

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Christopher: Israel must take concrete steps

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher yesterday urged Foreign Minister David Levy to take concrete steps that would demonstrate to the Palestinians that Israel is sincere about their welfare and about the peace process, diplomatic sources said.

Among the many issues the US considers relevant are facilitating trade between Gaza and the west Bank and enabling Palestinians to export.

The leading trading conduit for the Palestinians, the Karni crossing in Gaza, is currently closed. Israel is reportedly keeping it closed until the Palestinians agree to modified security arrangements there.

According to a statement put out by the Foreign Ministry after the meeting, Levy informed Christopher that Israel is in the process of lifting the so-called internal closure, which forbids Palestinian traffic between cities.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Christopher said that he wants the the talks on Hebron completed quickly.

"I think we also have an acute sense of the shortness of time and desire that we make progress as rapidly as possible," he said.

He added that he has been assured that "Israel does not intend to try to rescind or modify" existing accords, "but only to implement them in an effective and practical way."

Christopher, however, seemed to express sympathy for Israel's view that the recent violence will affect security considerations.

Regarding the IDF redeployment in Hebron, Christopher said, "Within the implementation, practical questions arise, and I think it's only fair to say that those practical questions now involve the recent violence."

After the meeting, Christopher flew to a previously scheduled visit to Africa.



Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Foreign Minister David Levy shake hands at the press conference they held yesterday, following their meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. (Brian Hendler)

Rafael unveils the Python-4 air-to-air missile

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

RAFAEL has officially unveiled the Python-4, considered by many to be the best short-range, air-to-air missile in the world, and hopes to market it abroad.

The missile, developed with no foreign components, has been used by the IAF for several years. It will be seen by the public for the first time at the Seoul Air Show in South Korea, which opens next week. The show draws potential customers from across southeast Asia.

The Python-4 has a unique aerodynamic design which incorporates large fins, giving it superior agility. Most older missiles have small fins, so they don't turn well. The Python-4 is a heat-seeking, "fire and forget" missile, incorporating a high penetration warhead with an active proximity fuse, which allows it to be deadly even if it doesn't score a direct hit. The missile has never been tested in battle, however.

Rafael, in a statement, described the Python-4 as "the most advanced ... missile to be carried by combat aircraft. The missile's unique maneuverability and all-aspect sensitive seeker achieve the absolute advantage, even in the fiercest dogfights."

"I don't want to be too much of a braggart, but it has been said that this is the best air-to-air missile in the world," said Rafael spokesman Noah Shahar.

He would not quote a price for the missile, but said it would be competitive. "We believe that there is a great potential for marketing the Python-4," Shahar said.

He noted the Python-4 did not have any foreign components or technology so that there was no need for Rafael to get a foreign country's permission to sell it.

Despite the low profile, other countries have known about the Python for several years. Its current closest rival the Russian A-11, which is used by the Syrian MiG-29's. But the US is currently developing the A9X, which it is touting as competitive, not with the A-11, but with the Python-4.

IDF not ready to resume joint patrols in Judea and Samaria

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE IDF is in no rush to resume joint patrols with the Palestinian Police in Judea and Samaria, military sources said.

Joint patrols in the West Bank were halted during the bloody riots two weeks ago. At least two border policemen engaged in the joint patrols were among the 15 soldiers killed. The joint patrols in the Gaza Strip were halted for two days, then resumed.

Military sources said the clashes with the Palestinian Police caused a severe breakdown in the trust soldiers had in their Palestinian counterparts. They also said that the time is not yet ripe to resume the patrols.

The Palestinian-controlled areas where the joint patrols functioned are still off limits to Israelis, and the IDF wants to see how relations with the Palestinian Police develop, the sources said.

"We've got no interest in starting them up for now," said one Central Command officer.

Israel Radio reported that the Palestinians had sought to resume the joint patrols, but Central Command sources said they were not aware of any requests.

Another source said the Palestinians had not implemented lessons learned from last month's clashes and took no action against policemen who fired on IDF troops.

The army is also using the renewal of the joint patrols as a lever to bring about the prosecution of policemen who opened fire.

In Erez, meanwhile, Israel reopened the industrial complex, but only 600 instead of the 2,000 Palestinian laborers with permits showed up since the reopening was announced late Sunday night. Another 700 Palestinians from the West Bank were allowed into Israel to help harvest olives.

Security sources said the intention is to ease the closure, in conjunction with the improving security conditions.

The IDF announced the closure in Ramallah would be lifted as of 4:00 a.m. this morning. In a bid to make conditions easier for the Palestinians during the talks, Israel has already lifted the closure around Bethlehem, Jericho, Jenin, Tulkarm, and Kalkilya. Only the residents of Nablus and Hebron are barred from leaving their cities.

But the army is still maintaining a high alert and keeping its forces poised for any action should the situation suddenly deteriorate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed while changing tire

Mahdi Hijazi, 27, of Tamra, was killed Sunday night, when he was hit by a truck while changing a flat tire on his car a kilometer from the Yagur junction, near Haifa. *Itim*

Body washes ashore in Tel Aviv

The body of a man was discovered on the rocks off Tel Aviv's Dolphinarium Beach yesterday. The body is in an advanced state of decay and has been sent to the National Forensics Institute at Abu Kabir, in an attempt to identify it. *Itim*

Katsav, Jordanian minister meet in Bangkok

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday held a joint press conference with his Jordanian counterpart at the annual convention of the American Society of Travel Agents in Bangkok. The two spoke of their commitment to peace and of such joint projects as the Lowest Park in the World, which is to be set up along the border at the Dead Sea. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

SLA soldier lightly wounded

A South Lebanese Army soldier was lightly wounded as fighting continued in the security zone yesterday evening. He was evacuated to a hospital.

The wounded soldier was among troops manning a position in the zone's eastern sector that came under fire from mortars.

The mortar attack is believed to have been carried by Hizbullah, which together with its rival Amal, has intensified operations against the IDF and SLA in the zone recently.

IDF and SLA gunners returned fire, sparking an exchange which lasted several hours. *David Rudge*

IAF Cobra crash lands

An IAF Cobra helicopter crash landed in a field near Kiryat Gat yesterday. There were no injuries, but the helicopter was slightly damaged.

A week ago, two Bell helicopters crash landed during training.

Nine servicemen were killed and two went missing in two helicopter crashes this year. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Combat soldiers get a raise

The average wage of combat soldiers will now be about NIS 550 a month, double what rear echelon troops receive.

The IDF Spokesman said it was decided to grant the raise as an "expression of the value the army holds for their efforts and recognition of their difficult service conditions."

Soldiers attending combat-training courses are also receiving the raise. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Weizman says Egypt's support is essential for peace process

EVELYN GORDON

THERE is no hope for the peace process without Egypt's support, so Israel must work to obtain this support, despite the country's recent hostility towards Israel, President Ezer Weizman told a meeting of former MKs at the Knesset yesterday.

"Egypt is the leader in these matters," he explained. "Without Egypt, it is very hard to go in the direction of either peace or war."

Therefore, despite the anger they cause, the attacks on Israel in the Egyptian press should not be allowed to affect our relations with Egypt – especially, he said, as our press is also not always innocent of wrongdoing.

The president added that it was an illusion to think Jordan could take Egypt's place as Israel's major Arab ally.

"Jordan is a small state which depends on the rest of the Arab world," he said. "It can't lead the pack."

In addition to Egypt, Weizman said, another crucial factor that Israel must consider is the upcoming American elections, which incumbent President Bill Clinton seems almost certain to win.

"The Americans are angry," he said. "And there's one thing we have to understand: That is that a president in his final term is a completely different president... We need to prepare for this."

Weizman said that even though the peace process is now "at the height of a crisis," he was cautiously optimistic, because everyone involved – Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Jordan and the US – understands that they have a great deal to lose from its collapse. However, he warned, the talks will succeed only if all the parties "think very hard" about their behavior.

"No one has been especially righteous," he said.

It is also important not to get bogged down in assigning blame, Weizman said: While figuring out who was responsible for the crisis is an important task for academics, the important question for the politicians is what can be done to resolve it.

In this context, he said, it is important to remember that Yasser Arafat is the first elected Palestinian leader – whether Israel likes it or not. In addition, he said, though he is a "great believer" in the value of personal contacts, it is not enough for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to meet Arafat and tell him to have faith; it will all work out.

"You also have to give something, to put something on the table," Weizman said.

Israel must find ways to protect its security, the president added, but it must also avoid putting itself at odds with the entire world, and this means taking the Palestinians' needs into account. The alternative is not only the threat of more violence, he said, but also an economic crisis, since the peace process has been one of the major spurs to the economy over the past three years.

"Three weeks ago, we were in a good position economically," he said. "But I don't know what will be. There are already question marks."

Weizman also implicitly pushed for moving ahead with final-status talks, noting that while his position as president forbids him to express an opinion on the matter now, before his election he had advocated starting final-status talks immediately.

Dole: I won't make Mideast a US issue

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

REPUBLICAN presidential candidate Robert Dole, who accused President Bill Clinton last week of arranging the emergency Middle East summit as a photo opportunity, has now stated that the peace process should not become an American political issue.

At Sunday night's presidential debate, Dole also charged the Clinton administration with managing the recent Middle East crisis – and overall American foreign policy – on an ad-hoc basis. He said the administration had not achieved much at the summit.

Clinton defended calling the meeting, saying Israeli-Palestinian distrust demanded he take the step.

"The Mideast is very difficult, but it seemed to me, just as an observer, that before you'd call somebody to America, you'd have some notion what the end result might be," Dole said in response to a question by PBS news anchor Jim Lehrer during the debate in Hartford, Connecticut. "Now maybe it's better just to get together and sit down and talk. Maybe that was the purpose."

The exchange was the only one dealing with Israel during the first of the two scheduled presidential debates. Their 90-minute exchange dealt primarily with economic policy and quality of life issues. The candidates also clashed over American policy toward Cuba and over Clinton's handling of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's recent threats against Kuwait and Iraqi Kurds.

Dole said he was "disappointed" Clinton had not called for an unconditional end to last month's Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

"[The Middle East] is a difficult area. No doubt about it," he said. "It shouldn't be politicized in any way by the president or by his opponent. And I don't intend to politicize it. I hope that they talk and I hope they reach some result and that the killing will end."

Clinton underscored the administration's support for the peace process, for Israel's security and for those taking risks for peace.

"I would like to have had a big, organized summit," Clinton said. "But those people were killing each other, rapidly. Innocent Arab children, innocent Israeli people. They were dying. So much trust has broken down in the aftermath of the change of [Israel's] government. I felt that if I could just get the parties together to say, 'Let's stop the violence, start talking, commit to the negotiations,' that would be a plus."

Meanwhile, according to syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, Clinton agreed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's condition that at the summit, he would not pressure Netanyahu at all.

Clinton "did not try very hard" at the summit to get Netanyahu to commit to a deadline for the Hebron redeployment, the columnists yesterday quoted US officials as saying. Related Stories, Page 5

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He said the Palestinians must show they are serious about the peace option by stopping the terror and recalled Anwar Sadat's words: "No more war, no more bloodshed." He said the negotiating process is fraught with hazards and frustrations, but can only succeed if the sides refuse to use the obstacles as an excuse for violence.

Netanyahu said Israel is "preparing for redeployment in Hebron, while protecting two principles: the security of the residents of the Jewish community in Hebron, the oldest Jewish city in the world, and ensuring the safety of the holy places in Hebron."

He said the arrangements he would shortly propose would ensure this, adding that if the Hebron agreement were to explode it could bring down the whole peace process with it. He also noted the humane aspects of relieving the situation for both Arabs and Jews in the city, and said he was acting to ease the closure and curfew as much as possible, given the security situation.

KNESSET

Peres was in a fighting mood. He was repeatedly heckled – mainly by Benny Elon (Moledet) – for having given the Arabs guns. He responded: "So take them back! You have tanks. Go take them!"

The theme of his speech was a list of "foolish mistakes" he said Netanyahu had made. These included the meeting with Arafat despite Likud election promises; the opening of the new exit from the Hasmonean Tunnel; delaying the Hebron redeployment; rejecting foreign aid from the US; stating Israel will not leave the Golan Heights, while demanding negotiations with the Syrians with no preconditions; achieving nothing in the US; and insulting Egypt.

He said Netanyahu has split the people like never before and placed Jerusalem on the world's agenda. Netanyahu is talking about reciprocity, while acting unilaterally, Peres said.

He likened him to a person who goes to a horse race, asks why all the horses are galloping, and decides to be a tortoise instead. "But if you are a tortoise, will the horses stop galloping?" Peres asked.

Peres said in its first 111 days in power, the government had managed to alienate the whole world, including the US; stop economic investment; and cause bloodshed.

He said the main holy places in Hebron will remain in IDF hands, and that raising final-status issues now would place Jerusalem on the agenda at the moment it is most tense and vulnerable.

Israeli Embassy bomb trial continues in London

LONDON (Reuter) – A Palestinian housewife drove a car carrying the bomb that badly damaged the Israeli Embassy here in 1994 in a bid to derail the Arab-Israeli peace process, prosecution lawyers told a London court yesterday.

David Calvert-Smith alleged Nadia Zekra was a member of a group of middle-class, London-based Palestinians who believe that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is "misguided in his attempts to come to any accommodation with Israel."

The bomb, which exploded in July 1994, badly damaged the embassy and shattered the windows of nearby houses. No one was injured.

Calvert-Smith told the court that Zekra left the bomb in the trunk of a car which had been parked as close to the embassy as possible. Zekra, 49, has denied the charge of causing an explosion.

Another woman and two men on trial with Zekra deny conspiracy charges. They are accused of taking part in the planning and manufacturing of the bomb and a second bomb which exploded outside a Jewish charitable organization in London.

The bomb was set off at the embassy after prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan signed the Washington Declaration paving the way for peace between their countries.

The same day, letters claiming responsibility for the attack were posted to two Arabic newspapers and the PLO's London offices from a group calling itself the "Palestine Resistance Jaffa Group in Palestine," Calvert-Smith said.

He said all four defendants "are of Palestinian origin and are well integrated into English society and the middle and upper-middle classes."

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UNIFIL spokesman invited to live in Lebanon

LEBANESE Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri has invited UNIFIL's senior political adviser Timur Goksel to live in Lebanon rather than Israel, following a burglary at his home in Nahariya.

Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that Berri made the offer in a letter to Goksel, who is also UNIFIL's spokesman.

As-Safir reported that Berri, who is also the head of Amal, had expressed sympathy to Goksel, but relief that nobody was harmed.

"The lesson he should learn from the incident is come and live in Lebanon," Berri was quoted as saying.

Goksel confirmed that a great deal of property had been stolen in the break-in, which occurred while he was in New York recently. He declined to comment about Berri's suggestion.

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Rafael unveils the Python-4 air-to-air missile

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN



Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer meets yesterday in Jerusalem with his South Korean counterpart, Dr. Ahn Byung Young. The two discussed launching joint projects. (Efraim Kilshtok)

IDF to allow outside investigation of 1992 training accident

EVELYN GORDON

IN an unprecedented move, the IDF will permit a 1992 training accident to be investigated by an external committee headed by a retired judge, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

This is the first time the IDF has ever permitted an external investigation.

"This is a precedent-setting achievement of the first order," said attorney Eliad Shraga, representing the parents of soldiers Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg, who fell to their deaths when a rescue helicopter's cable snapped during a drill. "This is truly a great victory."

The state's announcement was in response to the parents' petition. The accident had been investigated by two different IDF inquiry committees, which reached contradictory conclusions, and the parents had therefore asked the court to order an external committee appointed to determine the truth.

The petition also demanded a police investigation into the second committee, charging that then OC air force Herzl Bodinger appointed it deliberately to undermine the findings of the first committee, and that witnesses were intimidated, evidence tampered with, and documents forged.

In an affidavit submitted to the court yesterday, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair admitted that four years after the accident, what really happened is still not known. This is problematic for the IDF, which needs to know how to prevent similar accidents, and equally so for the parents, whose distrust of a procedure which produced two conflicting reports, though unjustified, is understandable, he said.

Therefore, the IDF has decided to take the "unusual" step of appointing an external inquiry committee headed by a retired district court judge, the affidavit said.

The committee will be composed of senior reserve officers and civilian experts – another unusual move, since such committees are usually composed of serving officers. Furthermore, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak will allow the parents to propose nominees, as long as they meet the necessary qualifications.

The IDF, Ben-Yair said, will accept whatever the committee finds, but will consider this absolutely the last word on the subject.

However, he added, it will set up this committee only if the parents drop their other demands, or after the court has ruled on both this petition and an earlier one demanding that the helicopter's mechanic be indicted for negligence. There is no point to the committee if criminal proceedings are being conducted on the very points it is supposed to investigate, he said.

The parents' demand for a police investigation into the second committee is unjustified anyway, the affidavit continued, since there is no evidence of wrongdoing.

For instance, it said, criticism of the decision to stop a Military Police investigation, which the parents claimed had appeared in a first draft of one report but been erased from the final version, actually appeared in the final version, but not in the first draft. Inquiry committees acting in good faith can still reach conflicting conclusions, Ben-Yair stressed, so the police will not investigate unless the external committee uncovers grounds for doing so.

Finally, Ben-Yair told the court the IDF has decided to change orders allowing senior officers to order an inquiry committee into soldiers' deaths in place of a Military Police investigation. This option will not be eliminated, as the parents had wished, but the right to exercise it will be transferred into the hands of the judge-advocate general, he said.

Policeman said to have shot illegal parker in Givatayim

RAINE MARCUS

THE Justice Ministry's police investigation division is to probe an incident in Givatayim yesterday, in which a policeman allegedly shot at a man who was being ticketed for parking illegally.

According to police, the driver refused to accept the traffic ticket written by one of two patrolmen, and then tried to run one of them over. Police also said he beat up one of the policemen, who was then forced to "fire shots in the air."

Two bullets hit the driver's car, and one ricocheted back on the 30-year-old Ramat Gan resident, wounding him lightly in the leg. The policeman was also taken to the hospital suffering from light injuries.

The driver said the shots were unprovoked. According to eyewitnesses, the policeman shot at the driver after the latter had already received the parking ticket and was about to drive off.

"We pleaded with the policeman not to shoot," one man in the area said.

It is thought the driver may have refused to show his license and give his personal details, one source said.

Other passersby said that the two policemen beat the offending driver even after he had been placed in the Magen David Adom ambulance called to take him to hospital.

The driver was detained for questioning after receiving medical treatment.

Shaare Zedek journal features ad from cigarette importer

JUDY SIEGEL

THE official journal for Shaare Zedek Hospital's annual dinner, whose proceeds will go to its oncology department, contains a half-page advertisement from the country's leading cigarette importer.

The ad, placed by Menashe H. Eliachar Ltd., appeared along with dozens of others in the journal handed out to nearly 400 contributors at the Jerusalem International Convention Center on Sunday night. The company offered "greetings for the New Year from Menashe H. Eliachar Ltd., importer of Marlboro, Parliament, L&M, Kent, Lucky Strike, and other cigarette brands."

Asked to comment, Prof. Jonathan Halevy, director-general of the Jerusalem hospital, said he was "very sorry about the ad. It was in bad taste and shouldn't have occurred. We will never accept ads from tobacco companies again."

Halevy said that ads for the journal had been solicited by "young women who apparently were not aware of the implications involved in taking an advertisement from a tobacco importer" for a hospital dinner raising funds for treating cancer patients.

Halevy said he had merely leafed through the journal and not known about the Eliachar ad until it was brought to his attention by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Country to mark World Depression Day as part of Mental Health Week

JUDY SIEGEL

ISRAELIS will on Thursday mark World Depression Day for the first time – though it has nothing to do with the political or security situation.

The event, begun six years ago by the American Psychiatric Association, Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital in the US, aims at helping people to screen themselves for low moods using a questionnaire.

Called "Blue Thursday," the awareness day has been integrated into Mental Health Week and organized by Eran (Emotional First Aid, the over-the-phone volunteer service) and the Psagot Institute in Ramat Gan.

In the US alone, 2,000 centers offering free counselling and assessment will be open for Blue Thursday. Here, open phone lines are to be available from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. They are to be manned by psychologists, psychiatrists and clinical social workers (at 03-5741858 or 03-5461111).

In addition, information stands will be open in the courtyard outside the Tel Aviv Cinematheque on Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight and on Friday in the Nahlat Binyamin pedestrian mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Merav Shani of the Psagot Institute notes that anyone can be acutely depressed without suffering from mental illness, but that it is important to pick up the signals in time so the condition can be treated.

In 80 percent of the cases, there is no logical reason for depression. In other cases, the person becomes depressed from the death or severe illness of a close relative, separation, career problems or loss of property. Depression may also hit as a result of taking certain medications, hormonal problems, alcohol consumption or liver or renal (kidney) insufficiency.

Visitors to the information booths and those who call may fill out an anonymous questionnaire listing 23 statements, which they will self-grade according to a point system.

Those with over 40 points may be in deep depression; from 30 to 39 in moderate depression; from 22 to 29 in light depression and below that have no mood problem.

Herzliya parents keep children out of school

ATTENDANCE was very light in Herzliya schools yesterday, as parent's kept their children home to protest the low amount the city budgets for education.

The local Parents Committee, which has twice previously called similar strikes, said the city only spends a third as much on education as nearby Ramat Hasharon, Ra'anana, or Kfar Sava.

After the previous strikes, a commission headed by an accountant determined that Herzliya spends approximately the same on education as other local authorities, but the parents rejected these findings.

Mayor Eli Landan said he has had no contact with the Parents Committee since its decision to strike. He charged the strike was fomented by several parents for political reasons, and said he is proud of his city's educational achievements.

Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell said that "this is not the way to solve local problems, and seems especially strange in Herzliya, where the mayor has advanced education several levels." (Itim)

Nahum Tim Gidal buried

DR. Ignaz Nahum Tim Gidal, one of the world's first photojournalists, was buried yesterday in Jerusalem. He died Friday at 87.

He mounted over 15 solo and group exhibitions at museums in Europe, the US, and Israel. Many of his images were added to public collections.

His publications included a number of studies about photojournalism and the contribution of Jews to photography, a history of German Jewry (in German), and several large-format books about Israel and Jerusalem, illustrated with his own and collected photographs. He was among the earliest news photographers to publish reports in color.

Gidal was born in Munich in 1909. While a student at the universities of Munich and Berlin, he published his first photo essay on hippy-like vagabonds in the *Muenchner Illustrierte Press* in 1929.

Gidal traveled widely with his camera; in the early '30s he visited many European countries and Palestine.

After spending many years abroad, Gidal returned to Jerusalem in 1970 to take a professorship in communications at the Hebrew University. In 1983 he was awarded the prestigious Erich Salomon Prize. Gidal is survived by his wife Pia and his son Peter. *David Brauner*

Man jailed for knowingly infecting girlfriend with AIDS

AVI Filansia, 34, of Ashkelon, was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment and three years suspended yesterday for infecting his former girlfriend with AIDS when she was 16. He will also have to pay her NIS 84,000 in damages, Ashkelon Magistrates' Court ruled.

The woman tried to build a case against Filansia as a murderer, because he had not informed her he had AIDS before they had sexual relations and had done nothing to prevent her from getting the disease. She filed charges against him five years ago, after her mother viewed a TV interview in which Filansia spoke to Dan Shilon about AIDS.

Filansia, who also suffers from hemophilia, contracted the disease from a blood transfusion he received from hospital.

Filansia expressed no regret, saying he had not broken any laws. His lawyer painted a picture of a gloomy childhood, due to hemophilia.

The prosecuting lawyer asked for a life sentence, saying: "He committed a grave injustice against this girl. The accused did not behave with caution and thus took advantage of the trust she put in him and her innocence and infected her with a fatal disease."

Judge Haim Nachmias cited law which gives people with infectious diseases the responsibility of preventing others from catching them. He said that AIDS victims must do everything possible to avoid infecting others.

Filansia said he plans to appeal. (Itim)

Hollywood director urges local filmmakers to focus on Israel

HELEN KAYE

DESPITE the regional unrest, noted Hollywood director Arthur Hiller feels perfectly comfortable about being in Israel.

"I knew that the areas we'd be in wouldn't be areas of trouble," he said at the Hilton yesterday, "although lots of people told me don't go."

Hiller, who is president of the American Academy of Film Arts and Sciences, is the guest of honor at tonight's Israel Film Academy Awards at the Mann Auditorium, where he will present the prize for Best Screenplay. Best remembered for his blockbuster hit *Love Story*, Hiller has made some 30 films in his long career.

The local Academy Awards, he said, "encourage the young people going into film to strive for excellence." He urged local filmmakers "to make Israeli films, not American ones. Let your own culture guide you."

In a related development, Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer announced yesterday that there would be no budget cut to film institutions such as the Quality Film Foundation and the New Film and Television foundation. Following a meeting with film industry representatives and Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky, Hammer further announced that should Sharansky's ministry be forced to make a threatened cut of NIS 5.5 million, his office would make up the sum, in addition to the NIS 12m. already budgeted.

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Disease treatment work wins Nobel Medicine Prize

STOCKHOLM (Reuter) – Two scientists, one Australian and the other Swiss, shared the 1996 Nobel Medicine Prize yesterday for a discovery that has given hope for the treatment of diseases such as cancer, diabetes and AIDS.

Australian Peter Doherty, 55, and Swiss Rolf Zinkernagel, 52, received the prestigious award, worth 7.4 million crowns ($1.12 million), for joint work at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra, Australia, between 1973 and 1975.

"It's a fantastic feeling... I'm still in a state of shock. It is a tremendous recognition," Doherty told Reuters in a telephone interview from his home in Memphis, Tennessee.

In Zurich, Zinkernagel expressed surprise and pleasure. "Yes, yes, I'm very happy... I haven't had time yet to drink any champagne because the phone has been ringing constantly since I received the call from Stockholm," he told Reuters.

The pair discovered how the immune system recognizes and can then kill virus-infected cells.

Sten Grillner, chairman of the Nobel Medicine committee, said the discovery changed the direction of immunology, unlocking the mystery of how a vaccine needs to be composed.

"Over time it has become more and more apparent how important this discovery was and continuation of this work has had a major impact on the whole field," Grillner told Reuters after the award was announced at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

"Already it has led to successful vaccines for animals and if one has such a vaccine for animals, then it must not be far away before you can do the same with humans."



Nobel Medicine Prize winner Rolf Zinkernagel, left, head of the Institute of Experimental Immunology at the University of Zurich, receives congratulations from the university's rector, Hans Heinrich Schmid. Zinkernagel shared the prize with Australian-born Peter Doherty. (Reuter)

Adjunct committee member Lars Klareskog said the discovery had laid the foundations for further research which has now taken the field one step further.

Zinkernagel and Doherty found mice infected with a virus able to cause meningitis developed killer T-lymphocytes that could destroy the virus-infected cells, but only in a specific animal.

"Now it is possible to see exactly how the T-cells... can recognize different parts of the micro-organisms and therefore it is possible devise to much more efficient vaccines," Klareskog told a news conference.

"This is not yet possible in man but it is possible in animal diseases and it gives great hope for the future."

Grillner said the find related to both efforts to strengthen the immune response against invading microorganisms and certain forms of cancer and to lessen the effects of auto-immune reactions in inflammatory diseases like rheumatic conditions, multiple sclerosis and diabetes.

"But essentially I cannot see why it could not also be imported for AIDS," Grillner said.

British army HQ in Ulster bombed

TWO no-warning bombs rocked the British army's headquarters in Northern Ireland yesterday, sending up a plume of black smoke and wounding up to 20 people.

A police spokesman said two blasts struck inside the barracks, the first in a parking lot, the second near the base's main medical facility just after 4:30 p.m. local. He said the wounded could involve either soldiers or civilian employees.

At least nine people – five men and four women – suffering from head, chest and leg injuries arrived at Lagan Valley Hospital, said hospital spokesman James Livingstone. Four suffered from serious injuries, and one suffered a heart attack. He said he expected upwards of 20 injuries.

The blasts shook homes surrounding Thiepval Barracks, the army's headquarters in Lisburn southwest of Belfast. A smoke plume 100 meters high could be seen over the heavily fortified installation as ambulances headed to the scene, and helicopters hovered overhead.

Ambulances were headed towards Belfast as well, and three bomb squad vehicles sped towards the base, suggesting that there were concerns there were other bombs at the site.

SHAWN POGATCHNIK
LISBURN, Northern Ireland

Lisburn Deputy Mayor Peter O'Hagan said the blasts were about 15 minutes apart.

"We've been living on a razor edge on the last few days and weeks," he told the BBC. "But everyone was expressing the hope that the madness would not begin again."

"I certainly hope it's not the beginning of a slide into the mayhem that we had a few years ago," said the deputy mayor of the mostly Protestant town.

There was no indication either of who might be responsible, although the Irish Republican Army would be the leading suspect.

"If it was the IRA it represents a new shift in their present strategy because it returns violence to the streets of Northern Ireland again," said Jeffrey Donaldson, a leading member of the province's main pro-British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists.

The timing may be critical. The attack comes on the eve of the ruling Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth, southern England, and IRA supporters blame Prime Minister John Major for mishandling the peace process.

Arriving in Bournemouth, Major said he believed that the second bomb was placed near the medical station deliberately, to target the injured and their caregivers.

"I think what they have done is barbaric," he said.

In the American city of Pittsburgh, where he was attending a conference to promote business in the province, Northern Ireland Secretary Patrick Mayhew said his government would not be moved.

"What astonishes is their belief that they can change anything this way," he said. "They will achieve nothing."

And as the bombers struck, representatives of a pro-British "loyalist" paramilitary group were meeting only a few kilometers from Lisburn at the top-security Maze prison to debate whether to continue their own two-year-old truce.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble urged them not to be tempted into armed action.

"Do not allow yourself to be provoked, don't joint the IRA in their wickedness," he said on the BBC. (AP)

Italian doctors devise 'pacemaker' for impotence

ROME (Reuter) – Doctors said last week that they had devised a "pacemaker" which could help to cure the growing problem of impotence in men living in the developed world.

Doctors presenting the two by three centimeter box which is inserted into the scrotum said they had already been flooded with requests for the new breakthrough.

"In Europe, the implantable prototype will be possible within a year," said Giuseppe Tritto, director of an andrology center in Paris which helped develop the device. "We're already getting plenty of requests."

The "pacemaker" consists of a battery-operated microchip in a box that connects to sensors at the base of the penis to help men who cannot achieve an erection.

Tritto said the smart chip stimulated nerves and regulated the flow of blood through vessels in the penis, triggering a normal erection when the man was stimulated sexually.

The device, fitted during a two-hour operation requiring a small incision, would be invisible to the naked eye.

It would be worn permanently but its batteries would have to be replaced every few years. The doctors estimated it would cost around $6,500 – similar to the cost of a heart pacemaker – and could be on sale after five years.

Impotence is a growing problem, particularly in developed countries.

Tritto and other French and Italian andrologists – the equivalent of "male gynecologists" – say men aged between 50 and 70 were most at risk, but even youths could suffer.

Swedish men might find the device of particular interest. The doctors said impotence affected 22 percent of men in Sweden, compared with 15 percent in the United States, 14 percent in France and 11 percent in Italy.

The doctors said impotence had a physical cause such as circulatory problems, diabetes, drug abuse or high alcohol or cigarette consumption in 80 percent of cases.

Stress or anxiety caused the problem far less. But they said the condition was curable in 75 percent of cases.

The "pacemaker" will be tested next year in Paris on some 15 men of varying ages suffering from impotence related to diabetes or neurological problems.

Queen reportedly offers to pay off Fergie in return for daughters

LONDON (AP) – Queen Elizabeth II has offered to settle the debts of her former daughter-in-law the Duchess of York if the troublesome ex-royal gives up custody of her two daughters and agrees not to talk about the royals, a tabloid reported yesterday.

The duchess' office described the report in *The Sun* as "hurtful."

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman called it "speculative" and said there was no change to the May divorce agreement between the former Sarah Ferguson – "Fergie" to the tabloids – and Prince Andrew, that gives them joint custody.

Last week, the fun-loving duchess saw her intimate conversations with her fortune-teller splashed all over toll phone lines and the tabloids and abandoned her bid to prevent a former friend publishing a tell-all book.

Tabloids reports over the weekend said in a stinging letter last year, Princess Margaret, sister of the queen, branded the duchess a disgrace to the family.

The Sun said yesterday that the queen's new offer is the "brainchild of [her husband] Prince Philip, who is determined to stop Fergie bringing any further shame on the royals and protect the children."

It said the queen would settle the duchess' £5 million ($7.5 million) debts and pay for her to set up home abroad.

In return, Sarah, 36, would relinquish all custody rights over Princess Beatrice, 8, and Princess Eugenie, 6, to her former husband, *The Sun* said.

The duchess also would lose her title and would have to abandon plans for an autobiography, to be published later this year, the newspaper reported. She lost the designation Her Royal Highness when her divorce became final.

Last Tuesday, a telecommunications watchdog shut down a toll phone number that allowed the public to eavesdrop on recordings of her conversations with her fortune teller, "Madam" Vasso Kortesis, in which she criticizes members of the royal family and male acquaintances.

Some newspapers simultaneously serialized a book by "Madam" Vasso, which includes the allegation that the duchess offered Princess Diana advice about sex.

Also last week, the duchess dropped a court action to prevent publication of *Fergie: Her Secret Life*, a tell-all book by Alan Starkie, a former friend and business partner of John Bryan, the American who was photographed nuzzling the feet of the topless duchess.

According to news reports, it was the Bryan episode that incensed Princess Margaret. She reportedly wrote to the duchess in March 1994, complaining that "Not once have you hung your head in embarrassment even for a minute after those disgraceful photographs."

"You have done more to bring shame on the family than could ever have been imagined."

Fox News Channel goes on air, to take on CNN, MSNBC

NEW YORK (AP) – Rupert Murdoch's new cable television news station went on the air yesterday with a crisp "Good morning."

As FNC joined CNN and MSNBC in cable's all-news alphabet soup, it fulfilled Murdoch's dream of plugging a TV-news operation into his global media empire – a dream he's already spent more than $100 million to realize.

FNC promised to serve as the latest test of viewers' capacity for news as the cable upstart began its scramble for viewers.

"It's going to take us a month or two to get up [to speed]," said the chairman of Fox's news division, Roger Ailes. "Right now, we're just trying to run the technical tracks and make sure that we cover the basics. But when I watch news, everybody covers the same story exactly the same way. We're not going to necessarily do that."

In announcing his plans for a 24-hour news channel in November, Murdoch said that Ted Turner's CNN had become too liberal in recent years and needed to be challenged. Now FNC is pounding home in its promotions how it will be "fair and balanced." Its slogan: "We report. You decide."

News Corp., based in Australia, is a $9 billion company with newspaper, TV and other interests in Asia, Europe, Latin America and Australia.

For the moment, the cable-news service dominates the news organization, started five years ago, that feeds reports to affiliates of the Fox broadcast network. Fox News also offers network coverage of major stories and, since April, has aired a Sunday morning interview program, *Fox News Sunday*. Ailes has also announced plans to introduce a prime-time news magazine next year.

FNC's programming plan calls for a 10-minute news segment every half-hour. During the day, the other 20 minutes will be devoted to special topics such as health, politics or business. During the evening, news updates will be part of hour-long shows, such as a nightly interview program anchored by Catherine Crier.

FNC has significant obstacles. For the moment it is mostly unavailable to the United States' largest media market, thanks to an unexpected decision last month by Time Warner, the imminent new owner of CNN, not to carry FNC on Time Warner Cable, which serves Manhattan.

Pope undergoes surgery today

ROME (Reuter) - Pope John Paul, described as a "good patient" with a strong heart, completed a battery of medical tests yesterday ahead of appendix surgery which has unleashed a flurry of speculation about the true state of his health.

"He's a good patient," a senior medical source at the Gemelli hospital said, adding: "I don't think he's very happy to be having these tests. No one likes to be in a hospital."

The Vatican and doctors confirmed that the operation would take place today.

Hospital sources said staff had carried out blood and urine tests, an electrocardiogram, an echo-doppler to determine the quality of blood flow and a chest X-ray.

Asked if this was normal before an operation, one senior hospital source said: "It is routine for a person who is 76, especially when you have a 76-year-old who is a VIP."

Cardiologist Attilio Maseri said the Pope's heart was in good shape. "Everything is fine. He's okay. He's not [just] 'okay with limitations'," he said.

Maseri said electrocardiograms and echo-doppler results showed no problems, but he added that cardiovascular complications during surgery could be "totally unpredictable."

Professor Francesco Crucitti, who will lead the surgical team, said the Polish-born pope was well and had spent a restful night at the Gemelli, where besieging media from around the world recorded his arrival late on Sunday.

The pope is expected to stay in the hospital for some five days, barring complications, prior to convalescence.

The Vatican announced plans for the surgery last month in a statement which said a recurrent inflammation of the appendix had been the cause of three bouts of "intestinal fever" which the pope has suffered since Christmas.

His recent frailty has caused widespread speculation from the media and doctors who are not treating him that he may be more seriously ill and suffering from a tumor.

"If I tell you he's fine you wouldn't believe me anyway. Don't worry," the pope's private secretary, Monsignor Stanislaw Dziwisz, joked with a reporter who asked how the pope felt.

Sydney - The No. 1 place to visit

NEW YORK (AP) – Sydney, Australia, placed just above San Francisco in *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine's ninth annual reader survey of the world's Top 20 cities.

Queenstown, New Zealand, which placed third among the 30,000 readers in the survey, is a newcomer to the Top 20. It won high marks in all three categories: environment-ambience, fun-energy and people-friendliness.

The worldwide Top 20 list follows with No. 4 Florence; then New Orleans; Rome; Victoria, British Columbia.; Vancouver; Venice; Charleston; Santa Fe; London and Salzburg (tied for 13th); Vienna; Quebec; Melbourne, Australia; Toronto; San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; and Kyoto.

The survey in *Traveler*, a monthly magazine with a readership of nearly three million, appears in the October issue out yesterday.

On the top 10 US list, San Francisco was named the favorite city for domestic tourists for the eighth time in nine years.

Following the top spot were New Orleans; Charleston, South Carolina; Santa Fe, New Mexico.; Boston; Seattle; San Antonio; Honolulu; New York and Savannah, Georgia.

Top winners in other categories included:

Top Islands: Maui and Kauai in Hawaii took the top two spots.

Best Airline: Singapore Airlines.

Best Cruise Line: Silversea, based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Best Foreign Resort: Villa d'Este, Cernobbio, Italy.

Best Mainland US Resort: Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, California.

Best Tropical Resort: Four Seasons, Maui, Hawaii.

A randomly selected sample of *Conde Nast Traveler* subscribers received the poll. The 30,124 respondents were asked to judge individual hotels, airlines, among other categories. Final percentages in the awards were compiled using "excellent" and "very good" votes.

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DAVID BAR-ILLAN

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Clinton-Dole presidential debate fails to produce knockout blow

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HARTFORD, Connecticut

LIKE two wary boxers, President Bill Clinton and Republican challenger Bob Dole traded jabs and barbs in the first presidential debate on Sunday, with both scoring points but neither landing a knockout blow.

Dole, trailing by 15 percentage points in the latest Reuters poll and badly needing a clear victory to get back in the race, was more aggressive, mixing blunt attacks on Clinton with witty asides while avoiding excessive harshness.

With one month until Election Day, Clinton was mostly content to defend his record, only occasionally coming out to attack Dole and the Republican-led Congress.

"This debate won't change anybody's mind," said Wayne Field, a historian of presidential speeches at Washington University in St. Louis. "There were no real surprises, and in some ways it showed these two men ideologically are not so very far apart. If anything, this may help Dole a little. He may get a nudge up."

Three instant public opinion polls by ABC, CBS and CNN television networks suggested Clinton was the winner.

This debate was the first of two scheduled encounters between Clinton and Dole. The next is scheduled for October 16 in San Diego, with a vice presidential debate between incumbent Al Gore and Republican Jack Kemp tomorrow.

Reform Party candidate Ross Perot was excluded from participating in any debates because of his low standing in the polls.

Clinton quickly set the tone of the 90-minute debate, in his opening statement. "Four years ago you took me on faith, now there's a record... We are better off than we were four years ago. Let's keep it going," he declared.

Dole, who looked nervous at first, quickly shot back. "Well, he's better off than he was four years ago," getting a laugh from the audience in Hartford's Bushnell Theatre.

Dole continued, "I may be better off four years from now... Well, I guess some may be better off. [Iraqi leader] Saddam Hussein is probably better off."

The Republican candidate later returned to that theme, arguing that Clinton's recent bombing in Iraq had failed to deter the Iraqi leader from establishing control over the north of his country, while demonstrating his failure to keep an international coalition together. He also attacked Clinton's record on Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Korea, Cuba, Ireland and the Middle East.

Moderator Jim Lehrer of public television kept the candidates moving quickly through a broad array of subjects, from foreign policy to health, education, drugs, taxes and personal integrity.

"There were no major gaffes on either side," said David Birdsell, an expert on presidential debates with Baruch College in New York. "Dole never managed to get under Clinton's skin. Dole seemed friendlier but not particularly presidential. It was a draw and a draw helps Clinton."

Speaking to a rally after the debate, Clinton said Dole "did a very good job" but was clearly pleased with his performance, giving the thumbs sign up to the crowd.

Dole told his rally. "The record will show that we turned it around in Hartford, Connecticut, tonight."

One of the sharpest exchanges during the debate came when Clinton accused Dole of opposing his efforts to rein in tobacco companies. "It wasn't me who opposed what we tried to do to save the lives of children who were subject to tobacco and then went to the tobacco growers and bragged about standing up to the government when we tried to stop the advertising, marketing and sales of tobacco to children," he said.

Dole responded by touting his own anti-smoking record dating back to 1965. "It wasn't until election year, Mr. President, that you thought about stopping smoking. What about drugs that doubled in the last 44 months? Cocaine up 41 percent, marijuana, cocaine up 166 percent. It seems to me that you have a selective memory," Dole said.

Both sides sent out an array of experts to brag to the media about their candidate's performance. Republican Gov. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania said Dole had spoken about people while Clinton focused on government programs.

"Americans finally got to see the warmth, humor and compassion of Bob Dole," he said.

For the Democrats, White House adviser George Stephanopoulos said: "A win for the president. This debate tonight was a chance for the president to talk about his priorities, and that's exactly what he did."

Clearly anxious not to seem harsh, Dole refused several invitations from Lehrer to launch personal attacks on Clinton. But he did bring up the issue of Whitewater by asking whether Clinton would pardon his former colleagues who were convicted in relation to the financial and real estate scandal. Clinton said he would give no special favors.

With Clinton taking credit for a long litany of achievements, Dole said the president reminded him of his late brother Kenny, who was an inveterate exaggerater. "The president can't take credit for everything the governors are doing," Dole said. "He just likes to make it sound a little better and then you'll feel better."

Another heated exchange came on Clinton's repeated statement that he wanted to build a bridge to the future.

"I want a bridge to the future but I also want a bridge to the truth... The truth is, there's a lot wrong in America," Dole said.

When Dole touted his 15 percent income tax cut, Clinton hit back. "His running mate, Jack Kemp, once said Sen. Dole never met a tax he didn't hike."

The debate ended with both men saying that despite their differences, they liked each other personally. (Reuter)



President Bill Clinton and GOP candidate Bob Dole shake hands after their first debate in Hartford, Conn., on Sunday night. (AP)

Candidates trade quips and catch phrases

HARTFORD, Connecticut (Reuter) – Republican presidential challenger Bob Dole trotted out some old winning lines from that master of one-liners, former Republican President Ronald Reagan, in his debate with President Bill Clinton.

And Clinton, too, gave the millions of television viewers and those in the Bushnell Theatre audience a taste of some folksy lines that have worked on the campaign trail.

Back in 1980 in his debate with then President Jimmy Carter, whom he later defeated, Reagan asked the public, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?

That line worked for Reagan and is cited as one of the key moments in the history of presidential debates.

And Republican Dole pulled that one out of his hat on Sunday after Clinton took off on the Reagan words by saying of the economy, "We are better off than we were four years ago. Let's keep it going."

Dole shortly struck back with the Reagan line with an added couple of twists:

"Well, he's better off than he was four years ago... We ask the people who are viewing tonight, are you better off than you were four years ago?"

Also in his 1980 debate, Reagan quipped with a smile, "There you go again," when he disagreed with what Carter had said.

Sunday Dole also used that line to a litany from Clinton of his accomplishments and promises for his second term if re-elected.

"Well, there he's goes again," Dole said. "I mean, it's a line that's been used before. But, exaggerating all the things that he did. He didn't do all these things."

In the 1984 campaign again Democrat Walter Mondale, Reagan was fighting concerns that he was too old for the job. In his debate with the much younger Mondale, he said that he would not use age as an issue: "I'm not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience."

On Sunday the 73-year-old Dole used a similar line in comparing his health to the 50-year-old president in an effort to deflate concerns about Dole's age and health.

"Well, my blood pressure's lower and my weight, my cholesterol," he said. "But, I will not make health an issue in this campaign."

Clinton pulled out some homey stoppers too, having a quick response when Dole accused him of being a liberal.

Clinton called the liberal label, "It's sort of their golden oldie, you know. It's a record they think they can play that everybody loves to hear. And I just don't think that dog will hunt this time."

On Dole's 15 percent income tax rate cut, the Republican said of moderator Jim Lehrer "and you'll be eligible."

Then Clinton interjected: "Me, too?"

Dole, who was known for his quick retorts when he was a Senate leader, responded:

"So will the former president, yes."

Clinton came back with "That's good" to laughter, adding: "I need it.

On his now famous fall from a platform in Chico, Calif., Dole got a dig into trial lawyers who support Clinton with campaign money and a quip:

"When I fell off that podium in Chico, before I hit the ground I had a call on my cell phone from a trial lawyer... saying I think we got case here," he said to laughter from the audience.

Polls: Clinton won

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – President Bill Clinton won Sunday night's presidential debate with Republican Bob Dole, according to three polls conducted immediately after the 90-minute encounter in Hartford, Connecticut.

A Gallup poll conducted for CNN found that 51 percent of Americans believed Clinton won the debate, compared to 32 percent who were more impressed with Dole's performance.

But 74 percent of the people polled said Dole did better than they expected. A CBS News snap poll gave Clinton 50 percent to Dole's 28 percent, with 17 percent calling the debate a tie.

Results in an ABC News poll were similar, with 50 percent calling the debate a triumph for Clinton, compared to 29 percent for Dole. Nineteen percent said it was a tie.

The ABC poll showed that both candidates appeared to benefit modestly from their showing in the debate, with Clinton's support rising to 55 percent from 51 percent and Dole's backing inching to 41 percent from 40 percent. Support for Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, who was excluded from the debate, dipped to 2 percent from 5 percent in the ABC poll.

China frees member of Gang of Four

BEIJING (AP) – Yao Wenyuan, a member of the "Gang of Four" that dragged China through one of its ugliest periods of political turmoil, has been released after serving a 20-year prison sentence, the government said yesterday.

A spokesman for China's Cabinet, the State Council, said Yao, 65, was freed Saturday and that he was healthy.

But the spokesman refused to provide details, a possible sign that the government still regards Yao as a sensitive figure 20 years after his arrest. The spokesman also refused to give his name.

The Gang of Four, led by Chairman Mao Tse-tung's wife Jiang Qing, incited some of the worst violence of the 1966-1976 "Cultural Revolution," when millions of Chinese were persecuted and killed.

Yao, a former journalist, was the gang's propagandist. He used China's media to attack the gang's enemies, including Deng Xiaoping, now China's paramount leader.

Yao and the rest of the gang were arrested October 6, 1976, less than a month after Mao's death.

It was Mao who dreamed up the "Cultural Revolution" to counter his political rivals, calling on young Chinese to "bombard the headquarters" and attack government officials. The Gang of Four egged the militants on and used the movement to further their own political careers.

After a sensational show trial, Yao was convicted in 1981 of plotting to seize power and of persecuting officials and ordinary people. His 20-year sentence was retroactive to the date of his arrest.

Yao also lost his political rights for five years after his release. This gives authorities leverage to restrict his movement and contacts, including those with foreign reporters.

Yao is one of two surviving members of the Gang of Four, said the State Council spokesman. Zhang Chunqiao, rumored in some reports to have died, is still alive and serving his life sentence.

Zhang and Jiang Qing were both given death sentences that were commuted to life imprisonment. Jiang committed suicide in 1991.

Wang Hongwen, the youngest of the gang, was sentenced to life imprisonment and died of a liver ailment in 1992.

North Korea: US missionary was spying for Seoul

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – US officials are working toward winning the release of an American arrested in North Korea on spying charges, his cousin told the South Korean news agency Yonhap yesterday.

North Korea's official news agency announced Sunday that Evan Carl Hunzike, 26, was arrested August 24 for spying for South Korea. Seoul has called the claim ridiculous.

"The United States has begun negotiations for the return of my cousin through the Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang," the cousin told Yonhap.

The cousin – identified only by his family name of Yun – said he was told by the US Embassy in Beijing in September that Hunzike had been arrested by North Korean officials on a small island in the middle of the Yalu River. The river serves as the border between China and North Korea.

"My cousin... is not capable of acting as a spy," Yun said.

Hunzike left for China in mid-August, saying he wanted to do missionary work, Yun added. Hunzike, whose mother is South Korean, is a native of Alaska, and attended college in Yakima, Washington, he said.

Meanwhile, KBS Television, citing an anonymous government official, said that Hunzike had been drunk when he went swimming in the Yalu River.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the United States is seeking more information through the Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang. Washington and Pyongyang do not have diplomatic ties.

Pyongyang still considers the United States an enemy for having led UN forces against the North during the 1950-53 Korean War.

The spy charges came after North Korea was accused of sending spies to South Korea aboard a submarine. The September 18 intrusion has triggered a massive manhunt for the agents. Twenty-two North Koreans have been killed or found dead. Four South Korean soldiers also have been killed in the gunfights.

Afghan forces square off amid world concern

KABUL (Reuter) – Taleban and rival military forces faced each other in a tense standoff in mountains north of Kabul yesterday amid growing concern among Afghanistan's neighbors that hostilities could spread in the region.

The hardline Islamic militia, which captured Kabul a week ago, pushed northward toward the strategic Panjsher Valley where an offensive against former military chief Ahmad Shah Masood appeared to stall.

Taleban forces exchanged sporadic artillery and mortar fire with Masood forces at his valley stronghold near Golbahar, but military analysts questioned whether the attackers could wrest the valley from Masood, who defended it successfully against Russian troops for years.

In an effort to neutralize a possible ally of Masood, the Taleban acting foreign minister appealed to General Abdul Rashid Dostum, who is leading his own army of Uzbek fighters, to remain neutral in the offensive against Masood.

As the threat of increased hostilities continued, Afghanistan's neighbors stepped up expressions of concerns.

Iran, which is Shi'ite Moslem and has been hostile to the Sunni fundamentalist Taleban, said the prospects of peace in Afghanistan were poor if a single faction tried to govern alone.

"No ethnic group can run that country without an active contribution from the other ethnic groups," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said on Iranian television, which was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation. "And no religious group can run the country without a contribution from the others."

Earlier, Alexander Lebed, Russia's national security chief and a veteran of Moscow's 10-year war in Afghanistan, called the situation very tense.

Lebed, who spoke to reporters on Sunday on a visit to NATO headquarters, said, "These military actions may have negative repercussions."

NATO officials have expressed concern that instability in Afghanistan could have consequences for member-nation Turkey.

Poll: Most Britons against joining single European currency

LONDON (Reuter) – More than two in three Britons reject the idea of joining a single European currency in 1999, according to an opinion poll published in the *Daily Telegraph* yesterday.

The Gallup Poll survey for the newspaper found that 56 percent of respondents were against Britain joining a single currency if it were launched in the European Union in 1999 with only 25 percent in favor.

The remaining 19 percent didn't have an opinion.

Majorities in all three of Britain's main parties were opposed to joining a single currency – which would mean giving up sterling – in 1991, with supporters of the ruling Conservatives the most hostile.

The Conservatives, lagging in opinion polls as they face a general election within seven months, are deeply split over Britain's future role in the 15-nation European Union.

The *Daily Telegraph* said opinions were more mixed on how the government should handle the issue in the short term.

Some 37 percent felt Britain should say now it will never join the single currency and 14 percent said Britain should say now that it will. Another 37 percent backed Prime Minister John Major's policy of deferring a decision, while 12 percent said they didn't know.

Gallup interviewed 1,047 adults across Britain for the poll.

Major negotiated the right to opt out of a single currency when the project was agreed in 1991.

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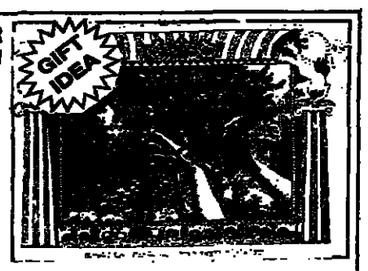
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Rethinking immunity

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert deserves credit for asking the Knesset to lift his parliamentary immunity yesterday, so he can stand trial for his alleged involvement in a 1988 Likud fund-raising scam. The Knesset's public image is hardly improved by MKs using their immunity – in the words of State Attorney Edna Arbel – as a "city of refuge" to protect them from prosecution.

The decision is especially praiseworthy because MKs from both sides of the house have raised questions about the propriety of Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision to indict Olmert for an eight-year-old crime, after his predecessor decided five years ago not to do so, and Olmert is in fact challenging this decision in the High Court of Justice. Under these circumstances, Olmert must have been tempted to try to persuade his fellow MKs not to lift his immunity. That he instead decided to take his chances with the courts like any other citizen is commendable.

However, one need not look very far to see that such behavior on the part of MKs cannot be counted on. Knesset House Committee chairman Raphael Pinhasi (Shas), having successfully fought tooth and nail to prevent his immunity from being lifted to stand trial on fraud charges in 1993, is once again making strenuous efforts to avoid indictment, after Ben-Yair decided to try again with the new Knesset.

The time has come for the Knesset to put an end to such behavior once and for all by amending the immunity law. It is a law which has long since outlived its originally sensible purpose, and it contributes greatly to the public's contempt for the legislature. Indeed, it is hard to see how any law-abiding citizen can respect a parliament which acts as a club to protect politically powerful suspects.

The immunity law consists of two parts. The first part grants an MK "substantive" immunity from prosecution for acts which are an integral part of his job. Substantive immunity is common practice in all parliamentary democracies, and for good reason: An MK could not do his job effectively if he had to worry, for instance, that he might be indicted for what he said on the Knesset podium.

However, Israeli law also grants MKs "procedural" immunity, which prevents him from being prosecuted even for crimes that have nothing to do with his job as an MK, unless the Knesset itself agrees to lift his immunity and allow him to stand trial. This type of immunity is found in virtually no other country in the world.

The purpose of this law, passed in 1951, was to protect opposition MKs from being harassed by the party in power via frivolous indictments. It was a product of the deep suspicion Israelis had developed for both the prosecution and the courts under the British Mandate, and was eminently understandable in the context of its time.

After 45 years, however, it is clear that these suspicions were unfounded. Both the State Attorney's Office and the judiciary are completely independent of the party in power, and there has never been a case in which the attorney-general was found to have indicted an MK for improper motives.

However, there clearly are cases in which the Knesset prevented an indictment due to political considerations. As former justice minister Haim Zadok pointed out yesterday, the Pinhasi case is a perfect example. The Knesset decided to lift Pinhasi's immunity in March 1993, but the High Court ordered a revote four months later. During the revote, the Knesset decided not to lift his immunity. Nothing substantive had changed in the intervening four months; the only thing that had changed was the government's coalition considerations.

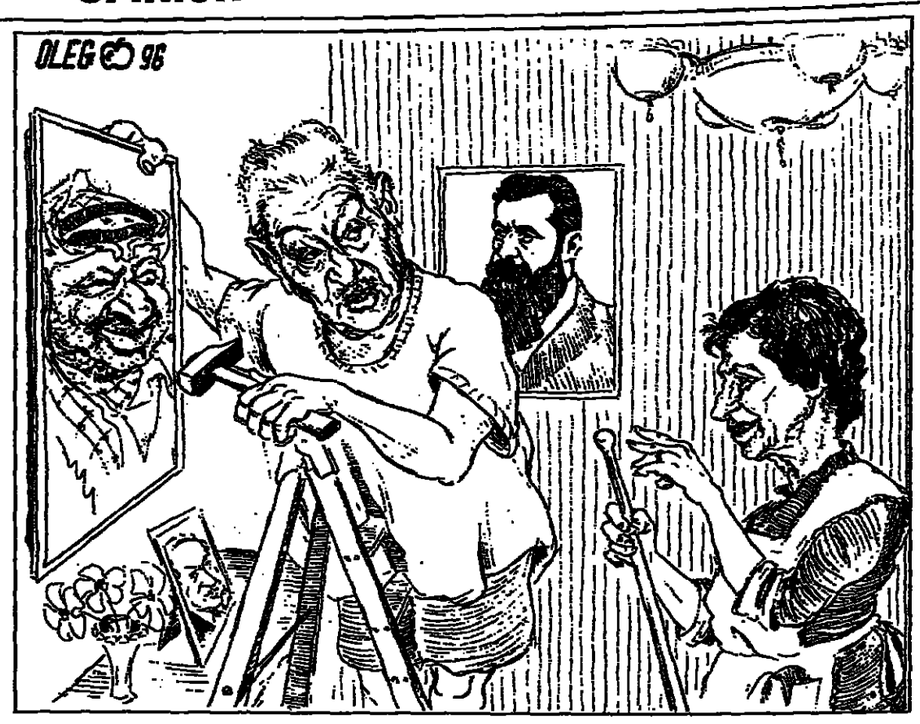
As Zadok said, to expect the Knesset not to be influenced by political considerations is to expect the impossible. MKs are, after all, politicians, and they are not superhuman. Yet to allow someone to escape standing trial for fraud just because he is an MK flies in the face of every principle of justice.

The only solution is to take this power, with its vast potential for abuse, out of the Knesset's hands. The attorney-general should be able to indict any MK who commits a crime unrelated to his actual Knesset work without needing the Knesset's permission, just as he can with any other citizen. If an MK truly believes he is being persecuted for political reasons, he still has access to the same recourse Olmert is now using: a petition to the High Court of Justice.

There is also room to reduce MKs' substantive immunity, which is currently one of the widest in the world. In many countries, substantive immunity covers only what happens inside the walls of the parliament, and in almost no other country does it cover not only acts which are part of an MK's job, but also acts committed "for the sake of" his job.

Allowing substantive immunity to extend outside the Knesset walls is reasonable. Making speeches at a political rally, for instance, is as much a part of an MK's job as speaking in the Knesset. However, there is no reason for substantive immunity to cover criminal acts that are not directly part of the MK's job, merely because they in some way facilitate it. The High Court of Justice has largely invalidated this section of the law via a very narrow interpretation. It is time for the Knesset to finish the job.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, in one of his first acts as Speaker, has set up a public committee to examine the whole question of parliamentary immunity. Tichon deserves high marks for moving quickly to tackle this long-overdue issue. It is to be hoped that his committee will recommend the necessary major revisions, and that the Knesset will speedily enact them.



Myths of the Mideast

A.M. ROSENTHAL

PRESIDENT Clinton has chosen his current top Mideastern priority and earnestly, almost desperately, announced it to the world.

It is not the resurgence of Saddam Hussein, not the military growth of Iran, or terrorism, not the Islamicist government in Turkey destroying the country's alliances with the West, not even China's sale of missiles and nuclear technology to assorted dictatorships. It is a town called Hebron.

By focusing on this ancient West Bank town, Clinton nourishes two of the large collection of dangerous Mideast fantasies and mythologies.

The Hebron fantasy is that specifics of Israeli and Palestinian security patrolling there must be reached almost immediately or the whole Israeli-Palestinian peace forfeited. This is related to a larger myth: Peace in the entire Mideast rests principally on peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

About Hebron, panic-talk and panic-action will not determine whether peace comes between Israelis and Arabs. Under the Oslo agreement signed by the previous Labor government, Hebron was to have been turned over to Palestinian rule March 22. All other major West Bank towns and Gaza already had been.

Labor itself postponed the turnover for four months. Yasser Arafat companionably went along. They thought it would help Shimon Peres defeat Binyamin Netanyahu.

But Prime Minister Netanyahu says that he will not abide by Oslo. The issue in Hebron now is how to protect the 450 Jews there among 180,000 Arabs. Under Oslo, even West Bank Jews are entitled to protection.

The Jews of Hebron know the patriarchs walked its alleys. For them it is Judaism's very birthplace. Even though most Hebron Jews were massacred by Arabs in 1929 – or perhaps because of that pogrom – the 450 are peculiar enough to maintain their right to live there now.

Likud is peculiar enough to insist on its duty to protect those Jews against another 1929. It wants sufficient Israeli-Palestinian patrols – and in the right places to do the job.

Hebron itself is not the key to peace

Clinton supported the Arafat demand to set a date at once to redeploy Israeli troops in Hebron. Netanyahu declined, understanding that any chance of agreeing on life-and-death details would vanish once the date was set.

BUT HEBRON itself is not the key to peace. Cessation of killing there or anyplace in Israel, Gaza or the West Bank, that is the key. Israelis who voted for Labor thought Oslo would end terrorist killing. It seemed a small price for the machinery of self-government, including arms and territory, that Labor gave Palestinians.

Terrorism did not end. And last month Israelis saw Palestinian police shoot automatic weapons at Israeli soldiers.

Palestinian agreement for the security of Hebron Jews could bring peace closer. Palestinian refusal would delay it. Another massacre, anytime, would kill it.

Effective security patrolling therefore is essential to Israeli-Palestinian peace. Clinton should have emphasized that, instead of breathing so hard about the exact timing.

Peace between Israelis and Palestinians could be magnificent for both. But the Mideast myth most believed, outside the Mideast, is that peace in the whole region depends on, and can only be achieved by, an agreement between Palestinians and Israelis.

War in the Mideast has come about most often not because Jews took power in one tiny state but because Moslem fought Moslem in much larger ones. During Israel's five decades alone, Iranian and Iraqi did not slaughter each other, or Iraq invade Kuwait, or Syria colonize Lebanon, because of Israel.

The wars that caused most deaths and still do have been Mideast governments against their own people.

Syrian artillery flattening Hama. Four Moslem regimes murdering Moslem Kurds. Police-state killings throughout the Mideast – now including the Palestinian Authority. Moslem regimes fighting for their lives against Moslem fundamentalists.

The myth of Israeli centrality to regional peace is important to Arab governments. It puts a constant pressure on one small democratic state to cede its interests to those of neighboring dictatorships.

President Clinton and European leaders could do peace a great service by speaking these truths. But of course the very thought is one more Mideast fantasy.

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MORE than a year ago, I participated in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, as a member of the official delegation of the State of Israel. This was the largest conference ever held by the UN, and I joined delegates from 189 countries in drafting the document which was adopted by the member states, the Platform For Action. We worked way into the night to reach consensus on issues of critical concern to women all over the world and in the process, made many good friends for Israel.

Guided by our determination to eliminate all forms of discriminations against women we included in the Platform For Action specific actions to be taken by governments to empower women and ensure equality and full implementation of human rights for every girl and women.

On the first anniversary of the adoption of the Platform For Action, Israeli women are asking what has the government done for us? Was the document adopted by our government a piece of paper to be placed in a library or does the government intend to consider it a binding contract with the women of Israel. What actions have been taken to implement the promises and commitments made in Beijing?

Na'amat, deciding to take the initiative on this anniversary, has drafted a Contract With The Women Of Israel. The goal of the contract is to commit the government to specific action and budgetary commitments on behalf of women. Na'amat has suggested that all women and men as well as women's organizations in Israel and other organizations working towards equality and women's rights sign it. The contract is being presented to the prime minister and his cabinet with the request that every minister sign the Contract With The Women Of Israel, thereby agreeing to be committed to:

1. Ensure equality within the family and recognition of all forms of the family.

Inequality between women and men continues to persist

2. Provision of an economic security net for women.
3. Equal rights of women in the workplace.
4. High quality health services for women and the rights of women to control all aspects of their health, including fertility.
5. Elimination of violence against women.
6. Elimination of gender bias in education.
7. Enjoyment of equal rights by Arab women.
8. Empowerment of women and equality in the sharing of power and decision making at all levels.
9. Equal status and opportunity for women in the army.
10. Recognition of the contributions of women to the peace process and commitment to include women in policy decisions on peace and war at all levels.

THE TIME has come to translate words into actions. Twenty years ago then-premier Yitzhak Rabin appointed a Commission on the Status of Women to study and make recommendations to ensure equality for women in Israel. Most of the commission's recommendations have never been implemented and despite significant advances in many areas, inequality between women and men continues to persist.

In a study commissioned by Na'amat in August, 1996 it was found that the average salary of women in Israel is only 60% of the average salary of men. Fourteen percent of women earn less than the minimum wage compared to three percent of men. Only 20% of those applying for small business loans are women.

The women of Israel are now asking for commitment on the part of the government. Most of the commitments will involve setting aside budget for women's issues, and in over 90 countries such budgetary commitments have already been made. The contract should be signed now by every government minister. Na'amat has proposed that a public commission be set up to monitor the government's implementation of the terms of the contract and Shulamit Aloni has already agreed to chair it.

As we approach the end of the century and the 100th anniversary of the Zionist movement, the egalitarian state should become more of a reality. The Contract With The Women Of Israel could be a useful tool in achieving this.

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Firmness without purpose

MARK HELLER

THE intensive and continuous negotiations with the Palestinians that began *Sunday night at Erez were the only* outcome of the Washington "peace summit." As a result of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's firmness, Israel did not commit itself in advance to any particular outcome by any particular date. Government spokesmen therefore portrayed this meeting as a major success, and those Israelis who believe that being seen to give nothing away is an end in itself are justifiedly pleased.

Still, there is a nagging suspicion, despite official protestations to the contrary, that even the agreement to negotiate intensively and continuously is the result of pressure generated by the recent paroxysm of violence. After all, the government has only now agreed to do what it could have done before, but wouldn't. This might appear to be merely a minor public-relations annoyance, but it is symptomatic of a far larger political problem – the failure to conceptualize the objective that Netanyahu's firmness is intended to serve.

"Secure peace" is not a policy, it is a slogan. If there is any substance behind the slogan, it was not revealed in the 100 days of pre-election campaigning, and it has not been revealed in the 100 days of the post-election campaign. Netanyahu has repeated again and again that this is a different government with a different policy, pursuing different goals with different means. But he has still not spelled out what the alternative is. At first, this failure was charitably interpreted as "pragmatism." But the pattern emerging from events of the past few weeks is instead one of aimlessness.

IN THE absence of any overarching strategy, the government is reduced to lurching from one encounter with reality to the next, all the while claiming that its improvisations are not the result of pressure. At times, this bravado comes perilously close to farce. Before his previous visit to Washington, for example, Netanyahu needed to preempt anticipated criticism of his refusal to meet with Arafat, so he did then what he could have done before, but wouldn't. But since he was unwilling to admit a lack of firmness, Netanyahu suggested that the meeting was a reward for Arafat's closure of some Palestinian Authority offices in Jerusalem – a specious claim immediately contested by some of his own Cabinet ministers.

The government's bravado comes perilously close to farce

In any case, the first Netanyahu-Arafat meeting, like the Washington summit, was not the result of an Israeli initiative intended to serve some longer-range purpose. It was a reluctant concession to reality, which the government had been the last to recognize. And like the first meeting, the decision at the Washington summit to negotiate intensively and continuously was taken under pressure and was made necessary by the government's previous refusal to act when it felt it was not under pressure. Only this time, the pressure came, not from a desire to avoid embarrassing questions by the Washington press corps, but from the deaths of over 70 Israelis and Palestinians and the wounding of hundreds of others. Although the security authorities had been warning about an outbreak of Palestinian violence almost since the day the new government took office, their warnings were not taken seriously until after they were borne out by events.

Thus, the outcome of the summit, including the Erez talks, reflects firmness only in a superficial sense. Underneath the facade is a pattern of weakness: the government's initial inclination to follow its instincts and pander to its right-wing constituency generates Palestinian, Arab and international responses which ultimately oblige it to act in ways that arouse the suspicions of its supporters while gaining it little credit with anyone else.

What applies to the Arafat meeting and the decision of the Washington summit will also apply to Hebron. The redeployment from Hebron will take place. Only now it will happen after the outbreak of widespread violence and the active intervention of President Clinton, rather than before. In these circumstances, does anyone really believe that the redeployment will be understood as anything other than an Israeli concession to those events?

The problem with this pattern does not lie in the refusal to set deadlines or even in the failure to meet them – the prime minister is right when he argues that advance deadlines for agreement usually turn out to be pointless or counterproductive. It lies, instead, in the conceptual underpinning of government behavior, which is that the Israeli-Palestinian relationship remains purely adversarial and that any gain by one side represents an equal and opposite loss for the other.

It is not true that the government's notion of the peace process has failed to evolve. The sheer negativism of the past has been replaced by acceptance of the need to do objectionable things, though only after delays produce pressure that makes action unavoidable. But this transformation does not yet incorporate the possibility of common purposes and common benefits, and unless "firmness" becomes an instrument of policy, rather than just a substitute for it, the recent cycle of events is likely to repeat itself in the weeks and months ahead.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RED LINES

Sir, – It was only a few days earlier that Binyamin Netanyahu commented on his first 100 days in power: "I do not act in accordance with pressures, but rather in order to reach particular goals." Were recent events the goals Netanyahu had in mind?

Perhaps not, but the lead-up to them can be traced directly to a failure in the way Netanyahu has sought to implement his goals. Shortly after his election, in discussing how his peace-making would differ from his predecessor's, he noted: "We will establish red lines and stick to them."

Red lines, long a feature of Israeli security policy, work to define what Israel considers security threats. But as Micha Bar notes, red lines have often been effective in defining the permitted range of action within which the Arab-Israeli conflict can operate, without provoking massive Israeli retaliation. Between 1949 and 1956, Israel used this policy to confine the conflict to small-scale cross-border raids, and to prevent, at least for a time, threats to Israel's basic security, such as the closing of the southern waterways.

So too in negotiation. Red lines are only useful in defining what is outside the perimeter of the negotiation if they simultaneously define what is inside the perimeter. Netanyahu can stick to red lines, but only if he gives the negotiation an opportunity to operate within those lines: this means making concessions on issues that are not outside the pale.

In the past 100 days, Netanyahu seems to have defined every issue as a red line: the evacuation from Hebron, meeting Arafat, substantial changes to the closure, PLO Jerusalem offices. The result has been a stifling of the negotiation, a feeling by the Palestinians that they themselves were being stifled, and the recent explosion.

Netanyahu can and must draw red lines, if negotiations are ever to produce an improvement in Israel's security position. But if there is anything to be learned from recent events, it is that you can't have it all. Not everything can be a red line, if negotiations are to be a viable alternative to violence.

Public opinion would seem to mitigate for drawing geographic red lines around Jerusalem, and being more flexible on places such as Hebron, and certainly Nablus. Netanyahu might want to refine this conception to put issues that effect public security (such as certain aspects of the closure) on one side of the line, and public relations moves (such as regular and cordial meetings with Arafat) on the other.

But until Netanyahu develops a more practicable and useful understanding of what red lines are and how they are useful, recent violent events may become the rule rather than the exception.

SHAWN ZELIG ASTER
Alon Shvut (Montreal).

VIETNAM-TYPE WAR

Sir, In "Risk of a war no one wants" (September 20), Mark Heller departs from his usual cogency by claiming that since World War II, three terms have dominated thinking about war: *Mein Kampf*, Munich and Pearl Harbor. There is a fourth and more pertinent one: Vietnam. Wars of ethnic, religious and national liberation or secession, characterized by remarkable imbalances in air power and conventional weaponry in which the seemingly weaker side inflicts unacceptably high casualties on the other, are archetypal of much post-World War II armed conflict.

Heller is correct in arguing that it is dangerous to apply the lessons of history where they don't fit, but it is equally foolish to ignore them where they do. Applying the Vietnam-Afghanistan-Chechnya model to Syrian activity regarding southern Lebanon might promote clearer thought than ignoring it altogether.

DAVID H. ROSENBLOOM
Washington, D.C.

THE TRUCK DRIVERS' CASE

Sir, – I refer to Ariel Hurwich Braun's letter of September 13, "No penalty." If she wants to know the name of the company whose truck was involved in the accident he mentions, she can ring me and I will give him the name, phone number and name of the managing director. As to suing the driver of the truck, he is really not to blame for the accident. Directly, he is to blame, but indirectly, it is the framework in which truck drivers work that causes these terrible accidents.

Truck drivers are forced to work up to 18-20 hours a day. They are paid a low basic wage with the rest being bonuses for the amount of work done. For instance, I know of a company in Haifa that carries dangerous chemicals and pays its drivers NIS 1,500 a month basic pay, which is below the legal minimum pay. The rest is made up of bonuses and to make a decent wage of around NIS 4,000 a month, drivers are forced to work illegal hours.

A year and a half ago, I spoke on the radio and TV's *A New Evening* about the problem and I was fired from my job. Since then, I have formed a truck drivers' union with the help of other drivers and I sit with the Knesset committees and various government departments which deal with transport. Almost nothing has been done, neither by the previous government nor by this one. Neither the ministers of Police, Transport or Labor have shown much interest in the problem, serious as it is. The drivers are blamed for everything while the owners get off scot free. They send the drivers to work for long hours on low pay, often with equipment below safety standards. The company owners wield a lot of power and money and the drivers are powerless to do anything.

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Nirvana falls from grace

IN TUNE
DAVID BRINN

From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah
NIRVANA
(Hed Artzi)

NIRVANA was unquestionably the most important band of the early 1990s. Speaking to and for a generation more effectively than anyone since The Who's adolescence, the band was just beginning to hit stride when its career was abruptly cut short by Kurt Cobain's suicide in 1994.

With a recorded output that consisted of one independent release, two major label studio efforts and a live unplugged, Nirvana's growth and maturity was astounding and indicated a future that would have cemented its status alongside rock's all-time greats. That's what makes this erratic epitaph all the more disappointing.

Compiled by surviving members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic from hundreds of live performances throughout their five years of live performances, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah* reconfirms the power of Nirvana, but also exposes the band's limitations.

The versions of their more structured material, like "Smells Like Teen Spirit," "Lithium," and "Heart-Shaped Box" are astounding in their tense balancing act between pop tightness and alienated rage.

On too many of the songs, however, the rage takes over and leaves the taut line sounding very slack. "School," "Scentless Apprentice" and "Tourette's" have basically nothing to offer, with their anonymous riffs and Cobain's screaming vocals.

Overall, the album has the effect of bringing the band back down to earth after years of having been praised to the heavens. It shows that despite being a great band, its material sometimes failed to live up to the standards set by its best songs.

First Band on the Moon
THE CARDIGANS
(Helicon)

THIS young Swedish quintet makes smart, catchy pop.

Fronted by 22-year-old Nina Persson, The Cardigans deal mostly with the sexy side of life, and they do it with a sense of humor. Call them Abba with an edge.

Their third release is a playful romp through infectious melodies and Persson's wry, coquettish sentiments. Combining elements of '60s pop with some jazz tinges and a hip "indie" stance, The Cardigans could be the first non-native English speakers to hit it big since Bjork's first band The Sugarcubes.

Travelling without Moving
JAMIROQUAI
(NMC)

THIS is another third album, this time by Brit-funk faves Jamiroquai. If it's an uptown blend of soul, funk and disco you're looking for, this is the right address.

Israelis must be banging down the door, because *Travelling without Moving* has been firmly entrenched near the top of the local charts since its release.

The vocals are, typically of this genre, innocuous, but the point is not to move your mind, but your body.

And on that task, Jamiroquai succeeds 100%. Smooth and cool, this record goes down like lemonade on a hot summer day.

Indigo (One)
Tribal Chants and Rhythms - (NMC)

THIS is one strange concept, and all for a good cause. An album in honor of The International Decade of Indigenous People, with proceeds going to help the people maintain their cultures, Indigo captures 14 tribes, including such chart toppers as Aborigines, pygmies and Tibetans, chanting in their native tongues.

To make it more palatable for Western audiences, the compilers then add backing tracks to the chants, ranging from disco to reggae. Surreal is too ordinary a word for this. And people got angry at Paul Simon for co-opting African music and musicians for *Graceland*.

Psy-Kick
HOUSE OF DREAM
(NMC)

THE brainchild of Israelis Har-El Prussky and Moran Shnitzer, *Psy-Kick* personifies trance, dance or whatever you want to call it. Full of electronic blips and beats, the 11 tracks are noteworthy for perhaps the first trance-Hassidic song in history.

If this is what the duo conjures up in reality, one wonders what their dreams are like.



The suicide, in 1994, of Kurt Cobain (left) cut short Nirvana's highly promising career.

Ailey lives on, Bocca pales

DANCE REVIEW
ORA BRAFMAN

Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theater

The Winter In Lisbon – choreography, Billy Wilson; music, Dizzy Gillespie. *Shelter* – choreography, Jawole Willa Jo Zollar; music, Junior "Gabu" Wedderburn. *Revelations* – choreography, Alvin Ailey; music, traditional.

Julio Bocca and Ballet Argentino

Don Quixote Suite – choreography, after Marius Petipa; music, Leon Minkus. *Interlaced Symphony* – choreography, Mauro Bigonzetti; music, Mozart. *Tango* – choreography, Oscar Araiz; music, traditional.

FOR years all company performances of Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theater's have ended with *Revelations*, Ailey's signature piece, and for good reason.

The rest of the repertoire can be less than satisfying, as often is the case, but it hardly matters. This 36-year-old piece epitomizes Ailey's work – all his talent is brought together in this heart-rending dance, where spirituals and gospel music interlaced with visual images of the African roots of American culture combine with the sweetly-softly swaying bodies of the dancers to move our soul.

It never fails – it is one of few works that is seemingly very simple, coming as it does from an aching heart and true emotion without being overly sentimental. Ailey's *Revelations* is about faith and innocence, justice and grace. It is about happiness and friendship and it makes your feet dance while you struggle to keep seated.

This is the company's second visit here since Ailey's death in 1989, with Judith Jamison, his former soloist dancer, as the artistic manager. It seems that since then, the company has become more conservative in its artistic choices and that eventually may lead to stagnation, as Jamison's other choices were of mediocre works.

Billy Wilson's work is Broadway-style where urbane gals in lavender satin and high heels kick their legs high while eyeing the guys as potential partners for sensual encounters. Even Gillespie's brilliant melodies couldn't save them from drowning in shallowness.

Jo Zollar is a conscientious artist who is very involved in art as a vehicle for social and political manifestations, and her work *Shelter* slides along those lines as it deals with homeless people. Zollar seeks compassion, wondering if real human beings are doomed to become "endangered species." Zollar is full of good intentions, and thinks she is waving a banner but in fact she is being carried by its slogans, as in most cases when art is recruited for political purposes.

All in all it is a lively company with some very good dancers and an important heritage of Ailey's work to keep them going. With a little effort they can fly higher.

JULIO Bocca, the leading dancer and founder of this young company, had much to prove, as he was introduced to the Israeli audience as a great classical ballet dancer, an actual twin talent of Baryshnikov. Promises, promises.

The good news is that Bocca is a passionate dancer and is particularly impressive with his high jumps and turns in the air, but it hardly goes any further than that. Bocca is constantly flirting with the audience, flicking his head in vain bravura gestures, a mannerism that is most unnecessary for the role, but apparently reflects his artistic tastes.

The evening started with *Don Quixote Suite* which is a polite way of hinting that it is actually an abridged version of the ballet. Petipa's four-act ballet was shortened, which is not all bad, but on its way it also lost most of its vital signs which leaves it pale, lean and stripped of its essence. So what's the point?

We were left to be comforted by brilliant technique, only to find that Stephania Vallone, who danced the role of Kitri, is not really up to the part and Bocca's self-esteem is higher than his level of finesse.

The *Interlaced Symphony* derives its mood from Mozart and its philosophical concepts from Shakespeare's sonnets that were recited throughout.

Bigonzetti is hardly a match for those two. He uses a large body of dancers, and moves them around a lot kicking high, turning fast but hardly relating to text or music in any remote sense. True, the company gets a chance to show off some young talent and physical ability, but that can be done better to an unpretentious beat of a drum.

Being an Argentinian dance company company, its tangos should have been its forte.

The traditional tunes were arranged skillfully by Atilio Stampone and played by his orchestra. The company obviously feels in its element with music but gets carried away by Araiz's strong sense of pathos.

Ballet Argentino, like several regional companies, runs on a single artist's credit card (Edward Villella, formerly of Miami Ballet), and has a good chance of forming a meaningful statement only when ego gives way to broader perception.

Rolling Stones vs. Oasis

THE Rolling Stones battled with young pretenders Oasis last week for top pop honors at the world's biggest book fair.

This time the two are bursting into print, not song, as the rights to new biographies are offered at the Frankfurt Book Fair, which attracted 9,000 publishers from 105 countries. Some 80 percent of global book-right deals are struck at Frankfurt each year.

The Rolling Stones, the self-styled "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world," is telling the story of its three decades on the road. Oasis hit the headlines last month when their US tour collapsed amid reports that singer Liam Gallagher and his guitarist brother Noel had come to blows. Now, their brother Paul tells all. Virgin Publishing, the book arm of British entrepreneur Richard Branson's empire, is in the enviable position of drumming up international business for both books.

"This is as close as you can get to huge rock bands," the publishers' managing director Rob Shreeve says.

The differences across the generation gap are stark. The Rolling Stones, whose illustrated official history is being compiled by singer Jools Holland, revel in touring live. Singer Mick Jagger, still swiveling hips and pouting lips at 53, has said of their 30 years of live shows: "I like it on the road. If I couldn't go out there, I think I would go mad."

He spent last week at his south of France home taping his memories of the group for Holland. The book will be published in autumn 1997 but Virgin is already negotiating rights.



A bookish Mick Jagger.

Oasis, whose first two albums sold 20 million copies, have led a "Britpop" revival to echo the Sixties heyday of the Beatles and the Stones. But now they are quitting live performances to concentrate on producing a third album. They delight in being the wild boys of modern pop with Liam and Noel constantly bad-mouthing each other and the press.

Their brother Paul's biography, which gives a blow-by-blow account of the years of feuding, is already a bestseller in Britain. (Reuter)

Exposing media exploitation

THEATER REVIEW
NAOMI DOUDAI

Maman Revient, Pauvre Orphelin or A qui perd-gagne. ("Mama's Back, Poor Orphan, or The Loser Wins") by Jean Claude Grimberg. Hebrew adaptation and direction, Niko Nitai. At Hasimta Theater, Old Jaffa. Hebrew title: *Hamafsid Menatzeah*

A DEPARTURE from Grimberg's generally grim dramas, *The Loser Wins* is a hilarious, highly satirical commentary on the morals and manipulations of the modern media. Specifically it focuses on the merchandising of human suffering in the ruthless, sensation-driven promotional campaigns of novelists, television anchormen, and others. Their merciless marketing of tear-jerking, loaded human experience is the target of Grimberg's highly-charged histrionic vendetta.

In a caustic triptych of situations, their cold-blooded callousness, calculation and rampant hypocrisy masquerading as honest, "live" programs, is exposed with crunching derision.

Working on Hasimta's pocket-handkerchief stage – the first scene, to be exact, is set in Hasimta's open-to-the-star-studded-sky rooftop – direction contrives a lively and entertaining show. It is accompanied by amusing video footage and peopled by a galaxy of ironic stereotypes performed by three accomplished actors.

Ze'ev Shimsheoni plays the anchorman with suave insincerity and synthetic charm. Albert Cohen, that eternal charmer, froths and fulminates as the camera-hungry, pulp novelist insensible to anything but his soaring sales.

But it is Fira Cantor, a versatile comedienne, who almost steals the show with her virtuosity in five, very disparate caricature roles.

First she charms as a chic Parisian wife. Next she metamorphoses into two participants in the World's Most Miserable Woman Contest. As the first of these, she turns into a voracious hate-spitting vampire alternating in the role of her chief competitor, a woebegone, weepy drudge infected with *le mal des pleurs*.

In a further two images of the mother of the lachrymose "orphaned author," she delights again.

With its diverting script and successful casting, this is one of the more entertaining of Hasimta's productions.

Make room for chamber music

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE center of chamber music has moved tothe Tel Aviv Museum.

In the last decade or so its audience has increased significantly. And for the coming season there are 2,600 subscribers to the various series the museum offers, which is 30% up on last year.

The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center opens its chamber-music series next week with The Consort of Music. Gideon Paz, the artistic adviser of the TAPAC series, explains that "bringing any international ensemble to Israel makes it a very expensive venture." Which might explain why tickets for this series are somewhat higher than those for the museum where the average price is NIS 55. Additionally, a new series opening this year is of "rush hour" (6 p.m.) concerts, a practice very common and most successful in New York, London and Paris.

The Tel Aviv Museum chamber music concert series, which altogether has 52 concerts in eight mini series, opens with a marathon of early music in conjunction with the Jerusalem Early Music Workshop today. The TAPAC Great Performers at the Center series opens this coming Sunday with the Consort of Music.

The Authentica series began a few days ago. Authentica is entirely international and without any Israelis. It is also the only chamber-music series in Israel, or any classical music series for that matter, presented by private impresarios. The series continues next month with legendary baroque violinist Fabio Biondi and his orchestra.

Abu Ghosh shows the united side of Israel

CONCERT ROUNDUP

MORE than any other festival in Israel, the Abu Ghosh choral music festival has a genuinely festive atmosphere to it, complete with eating humous in one of the local splendid restaurants, and without the customary clowns and magicians who entertain young kids at many other holiday events.

This particular festival proved to be very popular among the general public, featuring some fine performances.

Particularly good were the visiting female choir from Albania. This is far from a professional choir, yet the student choral ensemble sang in a most beautiful way whether the program was Christmas songs or Byzantine music.

And their encore, the opening movement of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, performed with harpsichord accompaniment, was indeed magical. The Kristiansand Cathedral Choir from Norway was at its best when performing traditional folk material but could not really cope with selections by Bach.

It is a fair ensemble but on the whole not in the same league as previous visiting choirs who have performed at this festival.

Belgian countertenor Michel Puissant sang Vivaldi's *Stabat Mater* in a most compelling manner and two cantatas of Bach in a somewhat stylized yet detached manner. He was accompanied by Accademia Daniel, a group of young Israeli musicians who specialize in Baroque performance practice.

Playing Bach's Fourth Brandenburg Concerto the instrumental ensemble displayed fine technique yet lacked warmth in the very accommodating acoustics of the Abu Ghosh Church.

Father Olivier of the Benedictine Monastery in this serene Arab village said that in these very days nothing can be more meaningful and symbolic than thousands of Israelis visiting an Arab village in order to listen to sacred Christian music. In a way this sums up the beauty of this festival more than any other description.

Abu Ghosh, October 4, 5
Michael Ajzenstadt

A REMARKABLE music event in Jerusalem last week was a recorder-flute and harpsichord recital by Reuvena Hod and Evgeni Lissogursky – exceptional because of the superb performance.

A sonata by Telemann was rendered with all its liveliness, loveliness and amazingly individualist playfulness. The melodic inflections of de Selma's little-known *Canzon* resounded in a way that emphasized its aria-like tunefulness. The dance movements of Bach's Suite in D minor were performed with enchanting elegance.

A highlight of the program was Jacob van Eyck's solo variations, abounding in technical pitfalls that were tackled with breakneck, brilliant virtuosity. Hod's natural, captivating charm and freshness of approach promoted Barsanti's Sonata to the level of a glittering musical gem. Her musical and technical accomplishments are such as to make her rank among the country's outstanding recorder flutists.

Lissogursky was a sensitive and attentive accompanist at the harpsichord and also displayed formidable skill and musicality in pieces by John Bull.

Redeemer Church, October 5.
Ury Eppstein

A SWEDISH choir from Jonkoping joined Uri Mayer and the Israel Sinfonietta to open the 23rd concert season in Beersheba. Jonkoping is a city no larger than Beersheba (with a population of about 130,000) yet its amateur chamber choir sang with an assurance and discipline that rivals professional ensembles. Their clear, youthful voices resonate like marble pillars from head to foot, and were particularly well suited to the Bruckner Mass in E minor.

The 45-voice choir found spiritual illumination in the 19th-century Austrian master's work – frequently shifting registers and textures, from unison to chordal declamation, while finding lyricism in contrapuntal passages. They navigated tricky chromaticism with the help of spare but supportive winds and brass, which lent a medieval aura.

Israeli soloist Larisa Tatuyev and Susanna Poretsky were featured in Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* – the most popular sacred choral work of the 18th century.

They brought a Rachmaninoff-like intensity to the lattice-textured work, contrasting in vocal approach to the Scandanavians' objective strength.

Mayer and the Sinfonietta opted for clarity of tempi and efficiency, often squeezing delicate tonal shadings into rhythmic frame. Presentation was confident and well received.

Beersheba Conservatory, October 5.
Max Stern

NIO takes aim at Weber opera

HELEN KAYE

THE story of Carl Maria von Weber's romantic opera *Der Freischütz* ("The Sharpshooter") is enough to make you hide under a blanket.

Max (Jorma Silvasti), a young hunter, desperately needs to win the annual sharpshooting competition so he can marry the head ranger's daughter, Agathe (Soil Isokoski). But Caspar (Victor von Halem) is jealous of Max and has sold his soul to the devil into the bargain. Here the darker currents of Germanic folk myth take over.

The opera is making its local debut as the New Israeli Opera season opener on Saturday at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, directed by Thomas Langhoff, and with NIO music director Gary Bertini on the podium.

Freischütz is important to the opera world because in 1818 it provided an alternative to classic Italian opera.

"The music is romantic on a solid classical base," says Bertini, who last conducted *Freischütz* 10 years ago.

Langhoff started out as an actor in Berlin, where he currently works as artistic and general director of the German Chamber Theater. He was born in Zurich in 1938, where his family had fled to escape the Nazis.

"My father is much more famous than I am," says the director, who has directed more than 50 plays and opera productions throughout Germany and Austria. His mother had some Jewish blood, but the reason the family fled was because his celebrated actor father, Wolfgang, was a communist.

"In Zurich, Father wrote a book about his one and a half years in Burgersmor, one of the first concentration camps the Nazis set up. It was translated into 35 languages, and was one of the first books about the camps."

Freischütz is Langhoff's second collaboration with Bertini. Their first was Benjamin Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, when Bertini was running the Frankfurt Opera. "We promised each other then that we'd work together again. This is it."

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	1	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	COLLECTION
#2	3	13	V/A	HITMAN 7
#3	4	4	V/A-ROZENBLUM	HGESHEM HACHARON
#4	5	28	RITA	COLLECTION
#5	NEW!	1	NIRVANA	FROM THE MUDDY...
#6	2	29	SHLOMO ARTZI	SHNAIM
#7	6	4	FRIENDS OF NATASHA	LIVE
#8	7	29	ALANIS MORISSETTE	JAGGED LITTLE PILL
#9	9	8	V/A	NOW 34
#10	8	17	FUGEES	THE SCORE
#11	NEW!	1	DELARES	GREATEST HITS
#12	11	7	YEHUDA POLIKER	HA YELED SHEBECHA
#13	10	18	AVIV GEFEN	THE LETTER
#14	NEW!	1	V/A	PARTY TIME 2
#15	13	7	RITA	BIG LOVE

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
MUSIC DIRECTOR: ZUBIN MEHTA
I.M.I. ISRAEL MUSIC INSTITUTE

Invitation

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is holding a competition for the composition of an original Israeli work on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

The final stage, in the presence of an international jury, will take place on

Sunday, 13 October 1996, 8.30 p.m. at the Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.

Three works will be performed in the final stage, from which the winning work will be chosen.

Conductor: Gary Bertini

Free Admittance

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Tnuva to sell ice cream plant to Osem

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

OSEM Industries has signed an agreement in principle to buy 51 percent of Tnuva's ice cream plant for $30 million, the company informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

According to the agreement, the two firms will establish a new company to develop and distribute ice cream.

The new firm will consolidate the activities of Tena Noga and Snowcrest, which merged several months ago.

The new firm is expected to take advantage of the Swiss Nestle company's know-how and advanced production techniques and add Nestle's products to Tnuva's ice cream line.

Nestle invested in Osem earlier this year.

The new firm will pay Tnuva about $30m. for Snowcrest's and Tena Noga's assets.

The annual sales turnover of Snowcrest and Tena Noga are estimated at $50m.

Together, the two firms hold about 30% of the ice cream market.

The transaction is subject to the approval of the monopolies and mergers commissioner at the Industry and Trade Ministry.

Osem's announcement led to a 2.5% increase in the company's shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Osem and Tnuva started their negotiations about six months ago in reaction to growing competition in the local ice cream market.

During the last few years, the local market has suffered from the entry of various US and EU importers, including Ben & Jerry's and, more recently, Haagen Dazs.

Gov't seeks $50 billion in US investments

DAVID HARRIS

THE government hopes to raise some $50 billion for a variety of projects over the next decade, as a result of the "new government, new opportunities" conference for potential US investors, which begins in New York today.

Led by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, the three-day event will present Israel's major public and private sector plans with the aim of encouraging possible American financial partners.

Numerous projects will be outlined during the sessions dedicated to various aspects of the Israeli economy:

- Development of Israel's energy sector, including the natural gas pipeline ($10.5b.).
- Trans-Israel Highway, particularly the completion of the first phase, which will be a toll road from Hadera to Gedera ($2b.).
- Railway development program in Israel and into neighboring countries ($1.5b.).
- 13 tourism and other projects proposed by the Israel Lands Administration, including Nazareth 2000.
- Development of additional water sources, the national sewer project, and sea-water desalination ($5b.).
- Ben Gurion 2000 - the expansion of the airport to allow for a 16 million annual passenger capacity.

Israel's privatization program will be high on the New York agenda. The government is expected to use the conference as a platform to reveal details of its plans for structural reforms in the some 150 state-owned companies.

The delegation also intends to promote regional infrastructure projects, based mainly in the Jordan Rift Valley, Eilat-Aqaba Gulf and Southeastern Mediterranean.

Other senior officials in the delegation are Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, Communications Minister Limor Livnat, deputy finance minister David Magen, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

US Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, New York Governor George Pataki and New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will also attend the conference.

Hundreds of businessmen from Israel, the US and Europe will participate.

"In the coming years it will not be possible to fund the development of Israeli water, energy, land and transport infrastructure from the government budget," said Sharon before leaving for the US. "Therefore it is of the utmost importance to encourage the raising of private sector capital for the highest preference national projects."

While in the US, Livnat will meet senior executives from Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch to discuss the privatization of Bezeq and hold a series of additional meetings with representatives of communications, television and cable companies.

Levy will return home via England, where he will study the privatization of British Airways and other former government companies.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sharansky to attend Cairo economic summit: Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky confirmed yesterday he will be attending the Cairo economic summit scheduled for November. Until two weeks ago the Egyptian government was threatening to cancel the summit, because of the failure to advance peace talks with the Palestinians.

Sharansky will also represent Israel at the meeting of world trade ministers to be held in Singapore in December. The conference is likely to focus on the liberalization and globalization of world trade markets.

David Harris

Bank Otzar Hahayal compensation funds reported positive real yields of 0.4% - 0.76% in the first nine months of the year. In September, the funds achieved real returns of 2.2% - 2%.

Galit Lipkis Beck

September CPI of 0.6% predicted: The Israel Chamber of Commerce forecasts that the September Consumer Price Index will be 0.6%, relatively low compared with previous years. The chamber said the index reflects a stabilization in prices, including housing, and a drop in items in commodities influenced by seasonal prices.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Australia seeks joint R&D fund with Israel: The Australian government has requested the establishment of a joint fund for financing research and development programs with Israel. Such arrangements already exist with the US, Canada, and from the end of the year with Singapore.

Following a meeting between Australian diplomats and Industry and Trade Ministry officials, the two sides agreed to look into the feasibility of such a project.

David Harris

Itochu plans joint projects with Manufacturers Association: Itochu, the Japanese trade company, plans to engage in joint projects with the Manufacturers Association in order to expand its business relations with Israel, association foreign trade division head Moshe Nahum announced yesterday. Itochu will assist Israeli companies in finding strategic investors, marketing their products and joint ventures, said Nahum. Itochu is one of the largest trade company's in Japan, with an annual turnover of $17 billion.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Babies R US divisions to open in three Toys R US stores here: Toys R US Israel will inaugurate Babies R US divisions in three of its stores during the next few days.

Earlier this week, the Toys R US chain gained control of the US-based Baby Super Store, which will gradually be integrated in the chain's Baby R US divisions. With an annual sales turnover of more than $450 million and 73 stores, the Babies R US chain is one of the dominant chains in the US baby product market.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Provident funds show improved returns

Jerusalem Post Staff

MOST of the banks' provident funds achieved positive real returns of 1.6-2.5 percent last month, while in the first nine months of the year the majority of funds continued to report negative yields, according to figures published yesterday.

The banks said the improved returns were mainly due to the turnaround in the capital market in September.

Among the three largest funds, Bank Leumi's Otzma was the best performing, achieving a real positive yield of 1.86%.

In the first nine months of the year, the fund achieved an accumulated negative return of 1.14%.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish fund, the largest fund in the country, achieved a positive return of 1.8% in September.

Since the start of the year the fund accumulated a negative return of 1.9%. The fund manages assets of about NIS11.75m.

Bank Discount's Tamar fund achieved a real positive yield of 1.61% last month.

The fund, which manages assets of NIS9.25m., has accumulated a negative return of 3.24% since the start of the year.



Baroness Young (right), a senior member of Britain's ruling Conservative Party and head of an initiative to promote business ties with Cuba, is greeted by Cuban Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrisas prior to holding talks yesterday. Young is being accompanied on her trip by a British business delegation. (Reuter)

C'ttee okays sale of Yozma

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the sale of venture capital firm Yozma with broad bipartisan support.

The state-owned firm, established in 1992, has set up nine venture capital funds with local and foreign partners over the past four years, as well as investing directly in some 14 companies.

However, since several private-sector venture capital funds have recently been set up, the government decided it is no longer needed in this business. It therefore decided to sell 100% of Yozma's shares via private tender.

The company's rights in its venture capital funds will be transferred to the government, rather than being included in the sale. The Treasury said this was necessary because Yozma's partners in the funds have the right to buy out its shares at a fixed price. This makes Yozma's share of the funds unattractive to potential buyers, the Treasury said.

The firm currently has NIS157 million invested in its funds, and NIS20m. invested directly in companies. It earned a profit of NIS124,000 last year, compared to a loss of NIS3.5m. in 1994.

At the suggestion of MK Avraham Shohat (Labor), the committee decided that any changes in the sale process approved by the committee yesterday must be brought back to it for re-approval.

Due to a recent change in the law, the committee does not have to approve the final sale. However, also at Shohat's suggestion, the committee decided to demand a full report on the various bidders, the winning offer and why the winning bid was accepted.

Panel to discuss reducing judges' pension rights

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee will consider reducing judges' pension rights to those current in the rest of the economy, following a bipartisan initiative by two committee MKs.

Currently, judges accumulate pension rights at the rate of seven percent a year, which means they are entitled to a full pension (70% of their salary) after 10 years.

Ordinary workers accumulate pension rights at the rate of only 2% a year, meaning they can get a full pension only after 35 years of work.

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat (Labor), now head of the opposition in the committee, argued in a motion for the agenda that this was completely unjustified. Over the past year, he noted, ministers' pension rights were reduced from 7% to 2% a year, and those of MKs and ministry director-generals were reduced from 4% to 2% a year.

Only the judges still have extraordinary pension rights, and there is no reason for this exception, he said.

MK Michael Kleiner (Likud), in a separate motion for the agenda, noted that the original reason for giving MKs and ministers extraordinary pension rights was the transience of their positions, which made it necessary for them to accumulate pensions in a relatively short time.

Judges, however, are appointed for life, and therefore do not have this constraint. For them to get 7% a year on their pensions is therefore utterly absurd, he said.

MKs and ministers are getting a 33% wage increase this month in exchange for their lost pension rights and (for MKs) giving up moonlighting.

Judges, however, got a 50% wage increase last year without giving up anything in return.

Following the increase, Supreme Court justices earn some NIS32,000 a month plus benefits, while district court judges get NIS24,700 a month.

For comparison, the prime minister earns NIS21,300 a month.

G20 banks to present currency clearing plans

ZURICH (Reuter) - The Group of 20 (G20) international banks will today outline its plans for a global clearing house that aims to reduce drastically the risks of breakdown in the $1.2 trillion daily foreign exchange market.

The plans will be presented to 2,000 bankers, broker-dealers, central bankers and exchange officials gathering in Florence for a three-day Swift International Bank Operations Seminar (SIBOS).

Swift, owned by some 3,000 banks, runs the world's largest network for transmitting payment instructions, handling an estimated $2.0 trillion of such instructions a day.

"We are making good progress and keeping to our timetable," Rob Close, G20 and payments strategy director at Barclays Bank Plc, said about the G20's plan.

A draft of the business requirements for the system has been completed and the group is on target to make a final decision on the project by year's end, he said.

The G20 was formed in 1994 by bankers who specialize in large value cross-border payments. Their aim is to set up a system that would reduce risks from currency settlement.

Texaco, Shell to team up in US market

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Two Western oil giants, Texaco and Shell Oil Co., said yesterday they were teaming up in the US market.

The companies were commenting on a report in the *Wall Street Journal* that they were discussing a possible merger of their US downstream operations with Star Enterprise, a joint venture between Texaco and Saudi Aramco, to form the world's largest oil retailer with assets worth $10 billion.

The announcements by the two companies made no mention of a possible link with the Saudi oil giant.

"Shell Oil Company confirms it is discussing with Texaco the potential for joint arrangements involving US downstream operations," the company said.

Texaco said the goal of the discussions was to create a more efficient operation maximizing the strength of the both companies, including their brands, to create a revitalized downstream business in the US.

It said the companies will spend the next few months trying to develop an alliance to benefit stockholders of both companies.

Avner posts NIS13.9m. profit in first half

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AVNER Insurance, the company which compensates automobile accident victims, completed the first half of the year with a net profit of NIS13.9 million, compared with a net loss of NIS21.28m. in the corresponding period last year.

Net profits in the second quarter were NIS4.49m., compared with a net loss of NIS23.96m. in the same quarter last year.

The improved earnings were mainly due to the company's continued implementation of a recovery program.

As a result of the recovery program, its accumulated deficit fell to NIS660m. from NIS802m. at the end of 1995.

Key factors which contributed to the improved earnings included a growth in premium payments to NIS944.23m. from NIS856m., which was primarily due to an increase in tariffs and growth in number of automobiles on the road.

In the first six months, total revenues rose to NIS1 billion from NIS899.7m., while total claims went up to NIS818.6m. from NIS780.34m.

The earnings were offset by a rise in expenses, to NIS34.19m. from NIS31.7m.

In the financial statements, management emphasized it is necessary to amend the compensation law.

The capital market division at the Finance Ministry is currently in the process of amending the car accident victims law to oblige all insurance firms to be partners in Avner.

The aim of the amendment is to prevent certain insurance firms from going ahead with their threat to withdraw from their partnership agreement with Avner, which was signed 20 years ago.

Avner management fears that the intention of insurance firms to independently incur the compensation costs of its automobile accident victims could lead to the collapse of the consortium.

According to Avner's existing contract with insurance firms, compulsory insurance policies are issued jointly.

The insurance companies' share in the policy is 30%, while Avner pays automobile accident victims the remaining 70% of the compensation.

But Eliyahu Insurance, which is involved in a legal conflict with Avner, has decided to cut all relations with the consortium at the end of 1996 and instead independently incur the compensation costs of its automobile accident victims.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (29.7.96)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.750	4.875	5.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.875	2.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.000	1.125	1.500
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (7.10.96)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.5316	3.5686	—	—	3.5611
U.S. dollar	3.1648	3.2159	3.11	3.27	3.1910
German mark	2.0870	2.1004	2.03	2.13	2.0847
Pound sterling	4.9484	5.0293	4.86	5.10	4.9883
French franc	0.6113	0.6212	0.60	0.63	0.6166
Japanese yen (100)	2.8398	2.8855	2.79	2.93	2.8636
Dutch florin	1.8420	1.8718	1.81	1.90	1.8579
Swiss franc	2.5191	2.5598	2.47	2.60	2.5398
Swedish krona	0.4788	0.4867	0.47	0.50	0.4828
Norwegian krone	0.4862	0.4941	0.47	0.51	0.4903
Danish krone	0.5395	0.5483	0.53	0.56	0.5541
Finnish mark	0.6926	0.7038	0.68	0.72	0.6989
Canadian dollar	2.3398	2.3776	2.29	2.42	2.3582
Australian dollar	2.4892	2.5294	2.44	2.57	2.5061
S. African rand	0.6980	0.7093	0.63	0.71	0.7039
Belgian franc (10)	1.0037	1.0199	0.98	1.04	1.0121
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9381	2.9855	2.88	3.03	2.9637
Italian lira (1000)	2.0870	2.1207	2.05	2.16	2.1045
Jordanian dinar	4.4000	4.7000	4.40	4.70	4.5153
Egyptian pound	0.9000	0.9800	0.90	0.98	1.0052
ECU	3.9536	4.0174	—	—	3.9884
Irish punt	5.0821	5.1436	4.97	5.22	5.1038
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4569	2.4966	2.41	2.54	2.4784

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	... NIS 3.1910	+ 0.06%
Sterling	...... NIS 4.9883	- 0.06%
Mark	.... NIS 2.0847	+ 0.04%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	5979.81	-13.05
DJ Transport	2086.3	-16.84
DJ Utils	222.19	+0.28
DJ Comp	1883.88	-6.39
NYSE Industr	475.72	+0.87
NYSE Transport	326.63	-1.05
NYSE Comp	374.74	+0.58
S&P 100	679.51	+2.54
S&P Spot Index	703.38	+1.92
AMEX Comp	582.22	+2.33

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+888	1129	1215

Volume up (in 1000's)	189513
Volume down (in 1000's)	144806

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4031.5	+6.7
Tokyo Nikkei average	21161	+13
Singapore all-share index	516.02	-8.14
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	12133	+227.5

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	37	+0.75
Ampal A	4.625	-0.125
Aryt	0.34375	0
BioTechnology	7.375	-0.625
Carmel Cont	9	0
Frutarom (electrochem)	0.75	+0.25
Elscint	8.5	+0
Etz Lavud	6.875	0
Etz Lavud A	5.125	-0.125
Koor Indus.	18.125	+0.125
Laser T.	13	-0.375
PEC	17.125	+0
Tadiran	26.75	+0.375
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	6.125	-0.25
Aladdin	9.125	-0.25
Accent	13.375	-0.25
4TH. Dimension	5.25	-0.25
BVR	5.1875	-0.4375
Comverse	38	+1
Data (Defense)	5	-0.375
DSP Comm.	60	-0.3125
ECI	20.5	-0.125
Edu-Soft	3.46875	-0.15625
Electric Fuel	6.25	+0
EFFI	78	+7.75
Elbit	13	+0.75
Elron	10.75	+0.25
Eshed Robotec	0.5	0
M. Systems	7.75	-0.5
Geer	18	+0.375
ISG	17.1563	+0.03125
Geotek	8.3125	+0.3125
Health Tech	0.96875	+0
Home Center	5.375	+0.125
Iisn	0.375	+0
IIS	1.8125	+0.0625
Indigo	5.25	-1.0625
Isramco	0.59375	+0.03125
First Isr Fund	11.125	+0
Lanoptics	5.375	-0.25
Magal	7.5	-0.125
Medis-Al	5.875	0
Mercury	15.375	-0.125
Magic	10	-0.375
Opal	10.25	+0
Orbotech	11.75	+0
Oshap Tech	3.875	+0
Pharmos	1.59375	-0.0625
Rada	3.75	-0.1875
Scitex	10.75	-0.5
Silicom	2.875	0
T.A.T. Technol	1.0625	+0.0625
Taro Vit.	7.625	-0.375
Teledata	17.875	-0.125
Tower Semicond	6.75	+0.125
Tad. Telecom.	23	+0.875
Teva	44.625	+0.625
TVG	1.875	+0.125
Vocaltec	5.625	+0.125

(All listings are closing quotes)

Commstock Trading Ltd. (Date 7-OCT-96)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5633	-0.0012
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5626	-0.0002
D-mark:	spot	1.5308	-0.0023
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6569	+0.0004
S-franc:	spot	1.2542	-0.0036
	Dec.future (CME)	0.8027	+0.0018
Yen:	spot	111.12	-0.73
	Dec.future (CME)	0.009084	+5.4e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.353	-0.0013
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7415	+0.0002
AusDlr:	spot	0.7877	-0.001
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7858	-0.0006
F-franc:	spot	5.171	-0.012
It Lira:	spot	1515.5	-5
Nlg:	spot	1.7178	-0.001
AuShlg:	spot	10.7684	-0.007
Rand:	spot	4.53	0
ECU:	spot	1.2494	+0.0033
Bonds	Dec.future	111.156	-0.53125
S and P	Dec.future	708.2	+1

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	-	-
Dollar	6 months	-	-
Dollar	12 months	-	-
Sterling	3 months	-	-
Sterling	6 months	-	-
Sterling	12 months	-	-
S-franc	3 months	-	-
S-franc	6 months	-	-
S-franc	12 months	-	-
D-mark	3 months	-	-
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	-	-
Yen	3 months	-	-
Yen	6 months	-	-
Yen	12 months	-	-

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1367	+18
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	112.7	+2.9
Sugar no.11 (Mar) (CEC)	10.88	-0.05
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	422.5	+1.5
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	734.25	+7
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	114.6	+1.4
Crude oil light (Nov)(CEC)	25.24	+0.51

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	976	+13
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1527	+13
Brent crude oil (Nov)(IPE)	2449	+60

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	380.35	-0.1
Silver:	spot	4.88	-0.02

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	382.6	-0
Silver (Dec)	4.888	+0.013
Platinum (Oct)	388.6	+0.9
Palladium (Dec)	119.75	-1.85
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.8945	-0.007

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	379.8	-0.6
Gold PM fix	380.1	-0.6
Silver fix	488	-3.8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
IndDevBK	12902	-1.0
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
MarrC	177.50	
MishkanC		
OHH	107827	-0.5
Trade	468	
TradeC	160.50	0.3

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	388839	
Carmel	350	-1.4
FirstMB	32889	1.0
IndepMB	49952	-0.5
J lemC	148.00	
JlemBnk	153.50	
LeumiMBR	44358	
Mizrav	4424	3.0
TefahotR	142387	

Financial Institutions Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
Idcins	168.00	
mvtshsha	514	0.6
naconala	41.90	
Ayalon	384	-0.8
AyalonC		
Elan		
ElanC1		
Hadar1	399	-0.3
Hadar5	334	-2.1
HamishmrC	239	
Hamishmr1	1851	
Hamishmr5	1705	3.5
Menorah1	972	
Menorah5	884	
Phoenix5	1418	0.8
Sahar	806	
Zion5	9063	

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
aboodisgn	63.00	
arkia	1374	1.5
gilisk	490	
hashmira	452	-1.1
isabarts	133.00	
kishsu	404	
maarivnid	461	
mivays	2537	
nisco	1063	4.2
redeashd	99.00	
techem	488	-0.2
Sn	199.00	1.8
wilger	43.60	-5.0
BndWrhC1	150.00	-0.7
BndWrhC2	156.00	
BondWrh1 L	2474	2.0
Citzg0.1	31837	-5.0
Comtec	178.00	
CorBeach	1294	
Dalin1	1.70	
Danol	890	1.5
DanHotl1	768	-5.3
Data	519	
DCL	717	0.3
Elad	60.00	
Eltech	580	-1.5
Feldman	153.50	-3.5
Gal	290	2.1
GenHadar	297	
GenHadC	246	
GranaC1	117.50	0.4
Grand	464	0.2
GranW2	3.40	
Greenbrg	86.50	-0.6
HGIC1	163.00	
HGIW1		
HGII1	300	
Isrgama1	2151	-5.0
Isrgama5	2102	5.3
ILDCHOT	308	-1.0
Kind	28.30	
Kopel	137.00	
KopelC1	211	
Liraz	1149	-1.0
Madi	489	0.4
Madtech	451	0.4
MLLC1	189.00	0.6
MLL1	180.00	
MZPK	485	4.1
Nirun1	755	0.5
Point sale	777	1.7
Rapac	1380	
Regency Ho	69.50	
Reshef	85.00	-1.2
ReshefC1	130.00	0.4
TeamC1	185.50	
Telsys	998	-2.0
Topline	300	3.4
TrendLin	777	-0.5
Yaad	407	
YaadC1	148.50	
Yaana	317	7.1
Yeda1	420	
Yona	359	-1.1

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	148.00	
rnco	379	-9.1
kadoorsgn	178.50	-0.6
lipman	1422	5.0
marathon	77.00	1.3
phyton	211	-0.5
solog	441	-0.9
totnauer	840	
viembtr	24.70	-7.1
yehodasd	385	
znmetal	657	
AckersC	142.00	0.4
Acumim1	151.00	
Alliance	563	0.2
Alony	230	
Alumit1L	5686	
Angel	7933	3.5
Argaman	157.00	5.0
Aryt	87.50	
ArytC1	47.50	-1.2
Ashply	769	
Ashplyc1	216	-0.5
Ashrom	302	
Atzmon	251	-2.3
AtzmonW1	9.90	-18.9
Azmuth	186.00	
Betmon	366	0.5
Boulo	88.50	
BoulosC1	222	0.5
Broshi	229	-2.6
CablesC3	154.00	0.7
CablesW3	58.50	-10.0
Careline		
Cargal	598	
Castro	683	
Chara	250	
CidStrC	224	-0.4
CidStr0.1	952	4.3
Clnd C8	177.00	
Cyclone1	1584	-1.0
Cyclone5	1356	
CyclonC1	175.50	1.7
CyclonC2	84.00	-2.3
Dalronci	220	0.5
Dafron1	1886	
Decision	273	
Degem1	304	-3.3
Delta 1	744	-1.2
Delta3	709	-1.9
Dexter	1590	
DubekB	8898	0.2
DubekR	8751	0.7
EldanToc	35.00	
Elam	209	-0.5
Elcoind	4139	1.5
Elctrncs	360	
ElectrG4	281	2.2
EsndRotc	370	
Evrot	184.00	-8.9
Fertiz5	530	2.3
Fert0.1	589	
FeuchtW1	8422	-1.0
Five J	250	
FruitarC1	242	0.4
FruitarC2		
GiborC1	117.00	
GiborSab	175.00	
GiborW2		
Golan	608	5.0
Hatehof1	336	
Hashof5	165.50	
Hod	151.00	
Holt	75.00	
IsrCam1	1785	
Kadmany1	100.50	0.5
Kedem	3978	-1.2
KedemC2	201	0.5
Kiter	426	
Kingl	377	-2.3
KlanC1	159.00	0.6
Kill	1301	
Kil5	1248	1.5
Lanish1	4019	2.0
Lipsie	2083	-1.0
Lodzia1	842	
Lodzia4	731	-2.5
LuhotGal	50.50	
MacPell	351	
Magam	242	
ManC1	207	0.5
Man1	86.00	-9.8
Maxima1	800	
Maxima5	823	
Mei Eden	1359	0.5
Modgal	820	
Mozaica1	846	
Mozaica5	595	2.9
Multiock	750	
Naca	13189	
NecaG1	220	
NegCeram	155.60	-4.0
Nehusht1	737	
Nehusht5	672	
Neviot	990	-1.0
NMC	317	
Ofis	512	
Ophir	244	-4.7
Orazit	228	
OractC	119.50	
Orbit1	315	1.9
OrdaPrint	1393	3.0
Ortas	217	0.5
PackarW2	1035	-10.0
PazChen	315	-0.9
Pea	505	5.0
PolgatA	140.00	-1.4
PolgatB	125.50	7.3
PolgatC1	221	1.4
Pollak1	383	
Polygon	148.50	-0.3
PolygonC	187.50	0.5
Poseidon	28.40	
PCB	489	
Rebraz	72.50	5.1
RabnpW	1.00	
Sankot1	124.50	-1.2
Sano1	985	10.1
Sano5	898	9.0
Selen	464	-0.4
Shemen	10279	2.5
Shladot	111.00	
Spcrnx	170.50	0.3
Steel	144.00	4.3
Sunfrost	2321	
Taal	178.00	
Tadiran	523	-0.8
Tasa	174.00	
Tedea	1082	1.8
Tiv	279	
Tower1	987	-0.3
Topper	33.00	
TATC1	209	0.5
TAT1	286	
Unibar1	1110	
Unibar5	562	
Urdan 0.1	388	4.6
Vitalgo1	183.50	
Vulcan	222	
VulcanC	203	0.5
Wardinon	12483	
WardinW3	968	3.0
YtongC2		
Zahav	134.00	-0.4
Zika1	821	-1.4
Zika5	540	
Zik1	2479	
Zik5	2178	
ZionCab1	310	
Zohannd	225	

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
a.dori	119.00	-0.4
alonhetz	79.50	-1.2
buildpro	251	-2.0
grandctr	50.50	-1.0
jecolehr	125.00	-0.4
pandor	139.00	
raved	214	
tzarfati	339	-2.0
walison	84808	
y.steng	115.00	
Adler	144.00	-0.7
Arazim	138.50	-4.2
Arazim C1	209	
Arledan1	840	-5.0
Assis	897	
Assuta	225	
AssutaC1	232	
AzorProp	414	3.0
Bar—Ton1	1376	
Barano1	374	
Bayside5	23698	3.0
BaysideC1	23832	
BenYaKar	2174	
BenYharC	125.50	
BldgRes	1976	0.3
BLNTIN	825	
Caesrea1	3902	-0.5
CohenDev	179.00	-0.8
Controtr	1287	-4.2
Denly	666	-0.4
DanKner	1313	10.0
DanKnerC	180.50	
Darach1	97.50	
Dunbar	4368	
Engel	253	1.2
Gazit	377	-0.3
GazitW1	52.50	-42.0
GoldHous	282	
GzitC1	331	
GldHouseC	228	0.4
Ispro	2220	1.5
Isralom	1846	
IsralomC	235	
IsrasC1	225	
Isras0.5	4439	
Isras1	4846	
ICP5	17675	-1.0
Jaysour1	160.00	
Jordan	380	5.0
Lezmich	158.50	
LeznicC1	142.00	0.4
Leznick	316	-0.9
Lidshz1	182.00	
Lidshz5	120.50	
Lumir1	1858	
Lwnstm1	559	
MalibuC2	148.50	
Malibu1	657	
MarLazC2	113.00	0.4
MarLazW3	10.00	
Melaron	920	
Moray	892	1.2
Mishnsel	29.30	
MLT	867	1.3
MTM	1142	
NacdAov	1004	0.3
OcifC1	153.00	-0.3
OcifW1	694	-10.0
Ofolab	830	
Oz	320	10.0
Pargod	1243	-0.5
PnOr	8944	1.0
Reesco	1458	1.5
RedSea	426	
RogovinIL	679	
Rogovin5	863	
Rotem	577	8.1
Scandia	60.00	
ScandiaC	105.00	
Shaked	486	-0.2
Tashluz	320	4.9
UnicomG1	177.00	
Unicom1	84.00	7.7

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darbern1	347	
Idar	487	0.2
taya	547	-0.2
Atgac	6.90	
Ackers1	897	9.5
Ackers2	845	0.2
AfnarC	490	0.4
Ampa	88775	
Arad	3443	0.3
Atian	1549	2.0
Avner	2.40	
Azr aC2	220	4.8
Baruch1	1215	6.0
Baruch5	469	-6.9
Binyan	24478	5.0
Clal50	6975	8.0
DanbarC	221	7.3
Danbar1	1778	
DIKOEx1	812	-3.0
Edgar	88.00	1.1
EdgarC2	162.00	
Elarin	2224	
Ersen	128.00	-8.9
Evergr n	1970	-3.2
ExportC4		
Gaholet	5023	-3.0
Haman	851	-7.2
Hilan	204	0.5
Hiron5	6809	
Iscal	780	-0.5
IsrCorp5	14345	1.5
JoelC1	196.00	0.3
JoelC1A	195.50	0.3
Karclan1	363	
Kital	229	
Magor1	1849	
Magor5	1592	
MerEzra	308	3.0
Mirage	95.00	
Molad	310	4.4
Naphtha	22.70	0.4
NatolDS	4.20	
Ofer	6290	5.0
Oprna	85.00	6.3
Pama0.1	697	4.2
Regent1	219	-6.0
Rim1	278	
Rim4	260	1.8
SaharDev	1555	
Securis	1034	
SecurisC	143.00	
SecurisW	338	
SAPANHASP	535	
TzurC1	211	0.5
TzurSHmr	98.50	
Unico	3115	
Yissum	74.00	5.7

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	692	-9.2

PARALLEL LIST
Trade & Services
Property, Building
Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
Tibnveal	85.00	

Two-sided trading

Name	Afternoon Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Morning Price	% Change	Volume Shares
afrismt	270	3.0	5400	269	2.7	28700
electrac	2617	1.0		2617	1.0	4879
Ackerlin	285	1.5		285	1.4	19242
Afris 0.	393652	1.7	132	386882		58
Alnsr	346072		6	346072		84
Agan	4778	1.7	400	4790	2.0	2310
Agis	2322	-0.5	800	2346	0.5	1814
Alrov	1188	-1.0		1188	-1.0	1794
Azorim	2769	1.5		2769	1.5	2584
ALPM	11648	1.7	150	11648	1.7	895
Baran	1836	1.2		1836	1.3	4936
Bezek	786	1.2	211800	790	1.8	51363
Cables	1019	1.2	1600	1019	1.3	2427
Clal Com	8346	0.2	420	8325		1164
Clal Ele	25477	2.0	3060	24977		2844
Clal Tra	873	1.0	5200	868	0.5	3136
Clal 10	7419	2.7	1000	7401	2.5	2993
Clalins	1774	3.5	8800	1770	3.3	11170
Cldstr 5	1014	1.5	13600	1009	1.0	18713
Clinds	1376	0.2	13200	1373		26503
CoOp	2411		65600	2411		14616
Danbar 5	1565			1565		7319
Dead Sea	745	1.7	35700	743	1.5	20891
Delek	7394	5.7	3080	7342	5.0	981
DevIMB	14868	0.5		14868	0.5	1276
Discinv	17543	0.5	1980	17456		3307
Elbit	13590	1.2	1100	13556	1.0	2722
Elco	9154	1.2		9154	1.2	215
Elctr 0.	8591	4.5	190	8591	4.5	160
Elite 5	1198	-1.2	39600	1195	-1.5	8889
Elron	11210	0.2	850	11182		2019
Export	815	-1.0	27600	815	-1.0	19400
FeuchtW5	5638	0.5		5638	0.5	2894
Fibi	36168	0.7	135	35899		171
Formula	2228	3.5	6650	2228	3.5	6220
Frstint1	33728	0.5	200	33696	1.0	65
Frstint5	34018	0.2		34018	0.3	608
Frutarom	197.0	6.5	52000	196.5	6.2	65374
General	7881	2.7		7881	2.8	351
Hapoalim	444	1.0	120900	443	0.7	46205
Hapolm	11158	0.2	160	11158	0.3	2268
IndBldg	270	1.5		270	1.5	30021
Isramco	2.1	0.2		2.1		3235892
IsrCorp1	18300	3.2	3240	18123	2.3	504
IsChem	259	0.2	203000	258		103864
IDB	1089	1.0	96000	1089	1.0	56536
IDBDev	4967	1.2	330	4967	1.2	2396
IDLC5	225	-2.7		225	-2.6	100000
ILDC	896		9200	896		24695
Jal-ora	754	1.0	8800	754	0.9	9200
JEC	857	0.5		857	0.5	2800
JOEL	138.0	-2.0	8500	137.0	-2.8	26471
Kardan5	246	4.0	66000	244	3.0	12533
Kitan	306	1.0		306	1.0	6066
Koor	28520	0.2	7150	28591	0.5	2904
Leumi	365	0.2	40000	365	0.3	111960
Makhtesh	1805	0.2	23100	1809	0.5	6176
Malibu5	638			638		22839
Maman	462	0.5		462	0.4	48788
Marit1	1011	3.2	3000	1001	2.2	6494
Mashov	278	2.5	6000	276	1.8	16768
Mehadrin	7255	1.7	3380	7183	0.7	1945
Mishkan	27230	1.5		27230	1.5	37
Mivtah	774	4.0	3800	772	3.8	3850
Nice1	7486	4.2	1680	7504	4.5	6172
Ocif	5074	-3.0		5074	-3.0	1775
Ormat	281	0.5		281	0.4	14327
Osem	1906		20000	1906		9396
PazoilEx	264	0.7	15600	262		7638
Pecker	5289	-0.7	300	5276	-1.0	1694
Pericias	1373		4800	1373		9254
Petrchem	1328	2.2	5800	1331	2.5	4588
Phoenix1	1953	3.0	4500	1910	0.7	2327
Piryon	9356	1.0		9356	1.0	80
Rogosin	1413	0.7	4800	1402		1774
Secom	190.5			190.5		54000
SelaPump	14.0	1.2		14.0	1.4	81798
Shilon	7375	2.7	1920	7357	2.5	2726
SupersIB	7300	-0.5	11760	7337		2383
Tamboue	477	1.5	3000	475	1.1	11882
Team	2908	0.7	4500	2886		1000
TefahotB	150464			150464		1
Tempo1	1155	-2.0	1800	1179		3521
Teva	143518	-0.5	1455	144600	0.3	893
TAT5	174.5		40000	173.0	-0.9	59741
Ytong	893	1.2	2700	894	1.5	5300

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Shares gain nearly 1%

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL

187.70 +0.95% — Two-Sided Index
197.98 +0.90% — Maof Index

SHARE indexes rose nearly one percent yesterday, led by Nice Systems Ltd., a maker of digital voice-recording and logging equipment, and holding company Clal Israel Ltd.

"The market is moving slowly upward on small turnover," while investors await developments in the peace process and in the government's budget-cutting efforts, said Moshe Jonas, who runs the Jerusalem office of the brokerage Moritz and Tuchler.

If the political front improves and the budget is cut, "the market has a lot of potential," Jonas said.

The Two-Sided Index advanced 0.95% to 187.70, preliminary figures showed, while the Maof Index climbed 0.9% to 197.98.

The most active issue was Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., down 0.5% on trading of NIS 2.5 million worth of shares.

The company said on Sunday that the US Food and Drug Administration accepted its advisory panel's approval of Teva's first original drug, copaxone, a treatment for multiple sclerosis.

The acceptance is a key step toward final marketing approval for copaxone, Teva said.

Nice Systems advanced 4%, after leaping 10%, the daily limit, on Sunday. The stock went up 12.5% last Thursday and Friday in New York, prompting arbitragers to make up the price differential between the markets.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street's bid for 6,000 enthralls European shares

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Wall Street's reconnaissance above 6,000 points helped European shares to end mostly firmer yesterday, although its inability to break higher killed off any independent ambitions the European markets might have had.

London and German shares touched new records in early trade, but were fading by early afternoon, when Wall Street came to their rescue by edging through 6,000 for the first time, touching a high of 6,002.17.

Wall Street soon retreated, however, and stood down 8.20 at 5,983.66 shortly after the European markets closed.

Share traders on both sides of the Atlantic are split between those who believe that US shares are now vulnerable to profit-taking and those who see prices rallying further as the US economy, which has been growing rapidly, slows to a more sustainable level of inflation-free growth.

London's FTSE Index settled 6.7 up at 4,031.5 points, a new record close, after profit-taking in gilts, T-bonds and in US stocks knocked the index off the day's earlier high of 4,046.8.

French shares closed fractionally lower on Wall Street, turning initial gains into small losses after spending the day in a very narrow trading range.

Germany's DAX Index rose 19.36 points to 2,702.64, a new record closing high. Most of the gains were accounted for by the market catching up with the screen-based IBIS DAX Index, which hit 2,704.25 in post-bourse trading on Friday and ended at 2705.21 yesterday.

The dollar was near session lows in late Europe but stayed locked in familiar ranges as a subdued market contemplated a week promising few trading incentives.

It dipped against the yen in the European afternoon after being unsettled overnight by Japanese calls for higher interest rates, traders said. But analysts saw little on the horizon likely to stir up the dollar ahead of US data due out on Friday.

Dow passes 6,000, closes just under it

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market's six-year rally poked through another barrier yesterday as the Dow Jones industrial average surpassed 6,000 for the first time.

Wall Street's best-known indicator rose to 6,002.17 less than a half hour after the market opened and took another short trip above the mark moments later.

In all, the Dow spent about five minutes starting with a six.

Profit takers wound up pushing the index down 13.05 points from Friday's close to 5,979.81.

Still, the rise above 6,000 was remarkable, simply because it followed so quickly on the heels of other big milestones.

It's been less than a year since the index of 30 blue-chip companies like IBM, General Electric and Coca-Cola first hit 5,000, and less than 20 months since it reached 4,000.

For the record, the average also closed below 5,000 after its first trip past that mark on November 20, 1994, but blew past it the next day by gaining more than 40 points.

The Dow's quick rise since then has some investors worried that stock prices won't be able to hold on to their gains.

"The market is getting pricey. It's definitely time to be selective," said John Burke, who was mulling his options at a Fidelity Investments office near the New York Stock Exchange. "I would expect some sort of a pullback."

But others see no reason why the market can't extend its winning ways, especially with individual investors continuing to pour money in for the long haul.

The Dow has now gained about 16 percent from a low of 5,182.31 this summer, after a pullback blamed on fears that inflation, interest-rate hikes and weak profits from technology companies were around the corner.

But since then, investors have become more optimistic that economic growth is sustainable without rising inflation or higher rates.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK

Name	Price	chg
Alza	27.625	+0
AMP Inc	38.5	+0.125
AMR Corp	82.5	-0.625
ASA	39.125	+0.125
Abbott Labs	50.375	+0
Advanced Micro	14.875	+0.375
Aetna Life	69.625	-0.5
Affiliated Publ	9.5	0
Aflac	38.25	+0.5
Ahmanson (HF)	29.125	-0.875
Air Prods	59.75	+0.5
Alberto-Culv B	44.125	+0.625
Albertson's	43	+0.5
Alcan Aluminum	30.875	-0.375
Alco Standard	48.75	-0.375
Alex & Alex	18.125	-0.125
Allegheny Power	29.75	+0
Allied Signal	65.875	-1
Alcoa	58.375	-1.625
Amax	31.875	-0.625
Amdahl Corp	9.5625	+0.75
Amerada Hess	53.5	+1
Amer Brands	44.5	+0.5
Amer El Power	41.5	+0
Amer Express	47.75	+0.25
Amer Genl Corp	38.875	+0.25
Amer Greeting	30	+0.625
Amer Home Pr	84.25	+0.5
Amer Int'l	104.25	-0.5
Amer Natl Ins	66.75	+0
Amer Power Conv	14.75	+0
Amer Stores	42.125	+0.375
Amer T & T	40	+0.375
Ameritech	58	+0.625
Ametek Inc	19	+0
Amgen	60.875	-1.125
Amoco	72	+0.75
Analog Devices	27.75	+0.875
Anheuser-Busch	39	+0.375
Aon Corp	55.125	-0.125
Apple Computer	23.125	+0.3125
Applied Magnetics	19.25	-0.625
Archer Daniels	20.25	+0.25
Armco	3.75	-0.25
Armstrong World	64.75	+0.625
Asarco	28.25	+0.125
Ashland Coal	25.875	+0.125
Ashland Oil	41.375	+1.5
AST Research	5.125	+0.125
Atlantic Richfld	131.625	+1.875
Auto Data Pro	44	-0.375
Autodesk	23.5	-0.6875
Avery Dennison	59.5	+0.375
Avnet Inc	48.625	+0
Avon Products	49.75	-0.25
Balmco Corp	6	+0
Baker Hughes	33.5	+0.625
Ball Corp	23.875	+0.125
Bally	28.125	-0.125
Baltimore Gas	26.25	+0
Banc One Corp	40.75	-0.25
Bandag	48.25	-0.875
BankAmerica	86.5	+0.25
Bank of Boston	58.875	-1
Bank of New Yk	29.75	+0
Bankers Trst NY	81.75	-0.125
Barnett Banks	35.625	+0
Battle Mount Gd	7.5	+0
Bausch & Lomb	37.625	+0.5
Baxter Intl	46.25	+0.5
Bay Network	24.125	-1.75
Becton Dickinson	44.375	+0.5
Bell Atlantic	62.25	+0.375
Bell Industries	15.75	+0.375
BellSouth	39.75	+0.875
HA Belo Corp	34.625	+0
Beneficial Corp	59.25	-0.5
Bethlehem Steel	8.25	-0.375
Beverly Enters	11	+0
Biomet	16.8125	-0.0625
Black & Decker	41.625	+0.125
Boeing	96.625	+0.75
Boise Cascade	33.375	-0.125
Bowater Inc	35.25	-0.125
Briggs & Strtn	43.875	-0.25
Brist Myrs Sqb	97.375	-1
Brit Airws ADR	93.75	+1
Brit Steel ADR	29.5	-0.125
Brit Telecom	58	-0.5
Brooklyn Union	29.5	+0.5
Brown Group	22.875	+0
Brown & Sharpe	13.25	-0.375
Browning Ferris	25.75	+0
Brunswick	24.625	+0.125
Burlington Nthn	84.75	-0.625
CBS Inc	20.5	+0
CMS Energy Corp	30.625	-0.25
CPC Intern	75.75	-0.375
CSX Corporation	49.875	-0.625
Cabot Corp	28.25	-0.25
Campbell Soup	78	+0.125
Capital Cts ABC	58.25	+0.625
Carolina Pwr Lt	35.125	+0.125
Carpenter Tech	35.375	+0.375
Caterpillar	72.875	-0.625
Centerior Energy	9.625	+0.25
Centex Corp	32.75	+0
Central & SW	26.125	+0
Ceridian	52.5	+0.875
Champion Intl	45.625	+0.75
Chrsg Shoppes	5.375	-0.375
Chase Manhattan	81.875	+0.125
Chevron Corp	63.375	+0.875
Cheyenne Sftware	30	+7.625
Chiquita Brands	11.75	+0
Chrysler	31.5	+1.5
Chubb Corp	48.375	+0.25
Cisco	66	-1
Citicorp	92	-0.5
Cdcasters	-	
Clevld Cliffs	39.625	-0.25
Clorox	87.5	-0.25
Coastal Corp	44.25	+1.125
Coca Cola	50.25	+0.25
Coca Cola Ent	43.5	-0.25
Colgate Palmolv	86.875	+0.625
Comcast Corp A	14.75	-0.25
Compaq	66	+1.625
Compute Ass Int	84.5	+1.75
Computer Sci	81.875	+3.5
Conagra	47.375	-1.375
Cons Edison	28.5	+0.25
Cons Freightwys	24	-0.375
Cons Nat Gas	55.25	+0.375
Cons Rail	72	-0.75
Cooper Inds	42	-1.125
Coors (Adolph)	22.125	+0
Corning Inc	38.5	+0
Crane	44.375	-0.875
CromptonKnowles	16.875	-0
Crown Cork Seal	47.5	+0.5
Cummins Engine	39.625	+0.125
Curtiss-Wright	54.875	+0.125
Cypress Semicon	11.75	+0
Cyprus Mineral	22.125	+0.25
Cytec Indust.	37.75	-0.875
DOE	28.875	+0
Dana Corp	29.75	-0.125
Data General	13.375	-0.25
Dayton Hudson	31.75	+0.125
De Beers	32.25	-0.25
Deere	42	+0.125
Delm Pwr & L	20.625	-0.125
Delta Air Lnes	70.25	-1.25
Deluxe Corp	38.5	-0.5
Detroit Edison	28.5	+0
Dial Corp Del	13.75	-0.25
Diebold Inc	57.875	+0.125
Digital Equip	35.375	+0.75
Dillard Dep St	32.625	+0.25
Disney (Walt)	64.125	+0
Dominion Res	38.5	+0
Donnelley (RR)	32.875	+0.125
Dover Corp	51.75	+2
Dow Chemicals	80.875	-0.125
Dow Jones	37.5	-0.125
Dresser	30.875	+0.375
DSC Comm	18.125	-0.375
Duke Power	48	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	61.25	+1.125
Du Pont	92.375	-1
Du Pont	92.375	-1
E G & G Corp	17.375	-0.125
Eastern Ents	39.125	+0
Eastman Kodak	75.375	-3.25
Eaton Corp	60	-0.25
Echlin Inc	32.5	-0.25
Emerson Elec	90.875	-0.625
Engelhard Corp	19.75	+0.125
Enron Corp	41.375	+0.5
Ensearch Corp	21.375	+0.125
Energy Corp	27.5	+0.125
Enzo Biochem	17.75	-0.375
Ethyl Corp	6.875	-0.125
Exxon	87.875	+0
FMC Corp	69.875	-0.125
FPL Group	44.5	+0
Fedders Corp	6.25	+0
Federal Express	83.375	-0.625
Federal Mogul	23.125	+0.5
Fed Nat Mtge	36.75	-0.25
Federal Ppr Bd	-	
Fieldcrest Can	14.5	-0.375
First Bank Sys	68.375	+0
First Chicago	46.375	+0.125
First Interst	-	
First Union	69.625	+0.5
Fruit of the Loom	31.375	-0.375
Fst Mississippi	27.25	-0.125
Fst Union Rlty	7.125	-0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	45.875	-0.25
Fleetwd Enterp	32.375	+0.625
Fleming Cos Ok	17.875	-0.125
Florida Prog	34.5	+0.125
Fluor Corp	60.75	-0.75
Food Lion Inc	8.9375	+0.0625
Ford Motor	31.875	+0.25
Foster Wheeler	43.75	-0.25
Freeport McMor	31.75	+0
Gabob Toys	28.625	+0.375
GATX Corp	47.375	+0.125
GTE Corp	41.125	+0.375
Gannett	70.75	-0.5
Gap Inc Del	28.125	-1
Gencorp	14.75	-0.375
Gen Am Invest	23.125	-0.125
Gen Dynamics	69.25	-1.125
Gen Electric	94.125	+0.625
Gen Mills	59.625	-0.375
Gen Motors	49.25	+0.125
Gen Motors H	58.25	-0.375
Gen Public Ut	32.625	-0.5
Gen Reinsurnce	147.5	-0.25
Gen Signal	42.25	-0.5
Gen DataComm	11.25	-0.125
Genuine Parts	43.875	-3.25
Georgia Pac	79.875	-0.125
Gillette	73.875	+0.5
Glaxo ADR	31.875	-0.125
Golden W Finl	60.5	-1.375
Goodrich (BF)	45	-0.25
Goodyear Tire	45.75	-0.125
Grace (W&R)	53.125	-0.375
Grainger (WW)	69.75	-0.75
Gn Atl Pac Tea	29.5	+0.25
Grt Central Mine	8.0625	-0.0625
Grt Western Finl	27.75	-0.5
Halliburton	55.625	+1.875
Hanna (MA)	21.5	-0.125
Harcourt	55.825	-0.125
Harley Davidson	43.75	-0.5
Harnischfeger	37.25	-0.375
Harrah's Ent	18.875	+0.125
Harris Corp	63.75	+1.125
Harsco Corp	61.75	-1.125
Hartmax	4.625	-0.125
Hasbro	39.625	-0.125
Hecla Mining	6.375	-0.25
Heinz (HJ)	34.75	-0.25
Helix Technol	27.5	-0.5
Hrerch & Payne	48.25	+0.75
Hercules	55.75	-0.25
Hershey Foods	49.125	-0.125
Hewlett Packard	45.875	+2.25
Hilton Hotels	28.5	+0
Home Depot	58.5	-0.5
Homestake	14.375	-0.25
Honeywell	64.875	-0.875
Hormel (Geo)	23.5	+0.125
Household Intl	84.5	-0.25
Houston Inds	22.75	+0.125
Humana	21.25	+0.75
Humana	21.25	+0.75
IBM	128	+1.375
Illinova Corp	27.125	+0
Illinois Tool	71.375	-0.875
INCO	30.5	-0.25
Ingersoll Rand	45.25	-1.25
Inland Steel	17.5	+0
Intel Corp	104.625	+2.9375
Intergraph	11.75	-0.875
Interlake	3.5	-0.25
Intl Fmly Entlt	17.375	-0.75
Intl Flav & Fr	43.375	+0
Intl Multifoods	16.125	+0.125
Intl Paper	42.625	-0.375
Interpublic	48.75	+0.625
ITT Corp	43.125	+0.25
ITT Corp	43.125	+0.25
James River Ba	28.5	-0.25
Jefferson Pilt	54.75	+0.875
Johnson & J	52	+0.125
K Mart	10.875	+0.125
Kaiser Alum	10.625	-0.875
Kellogg	67.375	-0.25
KLA Instruments	21.1875	+0.1875
Kennametal	34	+0
Kerr-McGee	63.75	+0.75
KeyCorp	45.125	+0.25
Kimberly-Clark	86.625	-0.375
King World Prod	37.875	+0.125
Knight Ridder	37.375	+0.625
Kroger	45.75	+0.875
LSI Logic	23.25	-1.375
Legget & Platt	30.375	+0.625
Laucadia Natl	24.25	+0.375
Lilly (Eli)	68	-0.75
Limited Inc	19	+0
Linear Technol	37.75	+1.125
Lincoln Nat	45.625	-0.125
Litton	48	+0.375
Liz Claiborne	37.75	+0.25
Lockheed Corp	82.75	-0.125
Loews Corp	80.875	-0.5
Lone Star	32.625	+0
Long Island Lt	18	+0.375
Longs Drug Strs	44.125	+0.5
Loral Corp	15.75	-0.125
Louisiana Land	58	+0.875
Louisiana Pacif	22.375	-0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	41.875	-0.5
Lucent Tech	44.375	+1.125
Lubrizol	29	+0
MCI Commun	28.5	+0.25
Mallinckrodt	42.5	+0.25
Manor Care	38.75	-0.125
Mapco Inc	30.25	+0.125
Marriott	57	-0.25
Mrsh & McLn	100	-0.125
Martin Marietta	165	-1
Marvel	7.875	+0
Masco Corp	29.5	+0.25
Massmutual Corp	37	+0
Mattel Inc	25.25	-0.25
Maytag Corp	19.875	-0.125
McDermott	22	+0.125
McDonalds	46.625	+0.25
McDonnell Dglas	53.5	-0.25
McGraw Hill	45.125	+0.125
McKesson Corp	48	-1.375
Mead Corp	57.625	-0.125
Medtronic	63.25	-0.25
Mellon Bk	64.75	+0.125
Melville Corp	43.625	-0.25
Mercer Graphics	9.125	-0.125
Mercantile Strs	53.75	+0.125
Merck Inc	70.375	-0.875
Meredith Corp	49.5	+0.25
Merrill Lynch	71.625	+0.875
Micron Technol	31.25	+1.5
Microsoft Corp	137.5	+1.125
Millipore	39.875	+0
Mine Safety App	51	0
Minnesota Mine	69.875	-0.5
Mitchell Energy	19.875	-0.125
Mobil Corp	118.75	+2
Mobile Telecom	15.25	-0.25
Molex Inc	33.75	+0.5
Monarch Macht	9.875	+0.125
Monsanto	41	-0.5
Morgan (JP)	87.375	-0.625
Morton Intl	39.625	-0.5
Motorola Inc	49.75	+1.5
Murphy Oil	50.25	+0.125
Nacco Inds	47.5	-0.375
Nalco Chemical	36.5	+0.875
Nashua Corp	13.375	+0
Natl City Corp	42.75	-0.25
Natl Semi	19.375	+0
Natl Serv Ind	35.75	-0.625
NatWest Bank	66.5	+0.875
Navistar Int	8.875	-0.125
Netscape	42.5	+0.75
New England El	32	-0.75
News Corp	22.125	+0.25
NY State El Gas	22	-0.25
NY Times A	34.75	-0.125
Newmont Mining	47.875	-0.125
Nag Mohawk	8.125	+0.5
Nicor Inc	34.375	+0
Nike Inc	124.375	+0.125
NL Industries	10.375	-0.375
Noble Affil	45.125	+1
Nordstrom	38.75	-0.375
Norfolk Southrn	91.5	-0.25
Northeast Util	12	-0.125
Novell	11.75	-0.25
Nthn States Pwr	47	+0
Northrop	78.25	+0.125
Norwest Corp	42.5	-0.25
NSI	19	+0
Nynex Corp	45.625	+0.125
Occidental Pet	24.25	-0.125
Ogden Corp	19.75	+0
OEA	42.625	+1.625
Ohio Casualty	33.875	+0.125
Ohio Edison	19.75	+0
Olin Corp	84.375	-0.5
Omnicom Group	47.25	-0.125
Oneok Inc	27.125	-0.375
Oracle Systems	48	+0.75
Oryx Energy Co	18.75	+0.375
Oshkosh B'gosh	15.875	+0
Outboard Marine	16.125	+0.125
Overseas Ship	16.375	+0.25
Owens Corning	37.25	+0.125
PHH Group	30.625	+0.125
PNC Financial	35.125	+0.5
PPG Industries	54.625	-0.375
Paccar Inc	50.5	-0.625
Pacificorp	21.25	+0.125
Pac Enterprises	31.125	+0.125
Pac Gas & Elect	22.125	-0.125
Pac Telesis	34.375	+0.125
Pall Corp	27.25	+0.125
Panh Eastern	35.875	+0.125
Parker Drilling	7.25	+0.125
Parker Hannifin	38.875	-1.25
Penney(JC)	53	-0.25
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22.625	+0.125
Pennzoil	58.125	+0.625
People's Energy	34.75	-0.375
Pepsico	28.875	-0.5
Perkin Elmer	57.25	+0
Pfizer	79.25	-1.25
Pharmacia & Upj	41.875	-0.5
Phelps Dodge	63.875	+0.25
Philadel Elec	24.625	-0.25
Philip Morris	93.625	+0.875
Philips Elec	38.25	+0.125
Phillips Pet	43.75	+0.75
Pioneer Hi Bred	65	+0.375
Pitney Bowes	58	+0.5
Policy Mgt Sys	35.375	+0.125
Polycom	6.75	+0.5625
Potash Corp	75.875	-0.375
Potomac El Pwr	25.25	+0
Procter & Gamble	98.875	-1
Pub Svc Enterpr	28.75	+0
Pug Snd Pwr	23.125	+0
Quaker Oats	38.5	+0.125
Qualcom	38.875	+0.25
Quanex Corp	27.25	+0.625
RJR Nabisco	28.625	+0.125
Ralston Purina	68.125	-0.75
Rank Orgnsn ADR	14.125	+0.25
Raychem Corp	79	-0.125
Raytheon	46.25	-2.75
Reebok Intl	34.75	-0.5
Reynolds Reyn A	27.125	-0.75
Reynolds Metals	51.5	-1
Rite Aid Corp	35.625	+0
Roadway Services	16.75	+0.375
Rockwell Intl	55.875	+0.125
Rohm & Haas	68.75	-0.125
Rohr Industries	19.5	-0.5
Rouse	25.375	+0.25
Rowan	21.375	+1.125
Royal Dutch	161.625	+1.75
Rubbermaid	24.375	[illegible]
Rudick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Russell Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ryder System	25	-0.375
Rymer Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
SPS Technology	83.125	-0.25
Safeco Corp	36.75	-0.25
Safety-Kleen	18.375	[illegible]
St Paul's Cos	58.75	-0.25
Salomon Inc	47.75	-0.375
San Diego Gas	22.125	[illegible]
Sara Lee Corp	35.75	-0.125
Schering Plough	63	-0.25
Schlumberger	90.625	[illegible]
Scientif Atlanta	17.625	-0.125
Scripps	45.875	-0.125
Seagate Tech	[illegible]	-3.125
Seagram	36.75	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	48	-0.5
Sensormatic Elec	17.5	-0.125
Service Corp I	30.25	-0.25
Service Master	25.375	-0.125
Shared Medical	55.25	-1.125
Shell Trans	96.5	-0.25
Sherwin Willms	48	[illegible]
Shoney's Inc	8.75	[illegible]
Sigma Aldrich	57.75	-0.25
Silicon Graphics	23	-0.5
Skyline Corp	27.75	[illegible]
Smith Intl	39	+1.125
SmKline Bchm A	63.625	-0.875
Snap-On-Tools	32.625	-0
Sonat	46.25	+0.75
Sonoco Prods	27.875	+0.375
Sony Corp ADR	82.875	-0.25
Soundown	25	-0.125
Southern Co	22.5	-0.125
Sth N. Eng Tel	37.75	+0
Southw Airlines	22.625	-0.5
Southwestn Bell	49.5	-0.25
Spring Inds	43.625	+0
Sprint Corp	39.75	+0.75
Standard Prods	24.375	-0.375
Stanley Works	27.75	-0.375
Stone Container	15.375	+0
Storage Technol	41.125	+1.375
Stratus Comp	22	-1.125
Sun America	3.75	0
Sun Company	23.625	-0.125
Sundstrand	38.75	+0.625
Sun Microsystems	65.625	+1.25
Suntrust	43.125	+0.375
Supervalu	28.5	+0.125
Symantec	11.125	+0.4375
Sysco Corp	34.375	+0.125
TJX Cos Inc	37.125	-0.25
TRW Inc	94.125	-0.75
Tambrands	42.5	+0.75
Tandem Comp	11.25	-0.25
Tandy Corp	40.125	-0.5
Telecom Corp	14.25	-0.375
Temple Inland	53.25	-0.75
Tenneco	50.375	-0.5
Teradyne	17.5	+0.625
Tesoro Pet	13.5	+0.125
Texaco	96.5	+0.875
Texas Instrmnts	54.25	+2
Texas Utilities	40.5	-0.125
Textron	87.5	-0.625
Thiokol	47.125	-0.125
Thomas & Betts	37.875	-1.875
ThreeCom	66.875	+1.75
Time Warner	40.375	+0.875
Times-Mirror	45.125	-0.625
Timken	39.5	-0.125
Torchmark	46.375	+0.125
Tosco Corp	55.125	+0.375
Total Pet N Am	10	+0
Toys R Us	32.375	+1.25
Transamerica	73	+0
Transco Energy	48.5	+0.625
Travellers Grp	53.125	+0
Tribune	80.25	+0.625
TRINOVA Corp	30.125	+0.125
Triton Energy	45.625	+0.625
TWA	9.125	+0.0625
Tyco Labs	44.75	+0.125
Tyler	1.5	+0
UAL Corp	45.5	-1
USG Corp	29.25	-0.375
UST Inc	30.375	+0.25
USX Marathon	22.5	+0.25
USX-US Steel	28.5	+0.25
Unicom Corp	28.5	+0.25
Unilever NV	89	+0
Union Camp	49.5	-0.125
Union Carbide	45.125	-0.125
Union Electric	37.625	+0
Union Pacific	73.375	-0.125
Unisys Corp	7	+0.625
USAIR Group	16.5	-0.125
USF&G Corp	18.5	+0.125
US Home	21.25	+0.125
US Life	31.25	+0.75
US Robotics	74.125	+1.125
US Surgical	41.875	-1.5
US Trust	61.75	-0.5
US West	31.75	+0.625
United Tech	121.5	-0.375
Unocal Corp	38.375	+0.375
VF Corp	60.5	-0.625
Valero Energy	22.875	+0.375
Varian Assoc	46.75	-0.125
Viacom Inc	36.75	[illegible]
Vishay	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vulcan Materials	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wachovia	46.375	[illegible]
Walgreen	38.625	[illegible]
Wal-Mart Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner-Lambert	65.375	[illegible]
Wash Gas Light	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washington Post	336	[illegible]
Waste Mgmt Inc	33.625	[illegible]
Watkins-Johnson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weis Markets	32.5	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	2[illegible]	[illegible]
Wendy's Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westinghouse El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westvaco	29	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	46.25	[illegible]
Whirlpool	46.25	[illegible]
Whitman	24	[illegible]
Willamette Inc	65.75	[illegible]
Williams Co	52.75	[illegible]
Winn Dixie Strs	34.625	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
World Communications	22.25	[illegible]
Worthington Inc	20.5	-0.25
Wrigley	[illegible]	-0.5
Xerox	58.375	[illegible]
Yellow Freight	[illegible]	-0.125
Zenith Electron	16.25	+1.25
Zero Co	20.625	-0.25

LONDON

Name	Price	chg
Allied Domecq	443.5	-2
BAT Inds	423.5	-5
BT	358.5	-2.5
BTR	268.5	-2
Barclays	974.5	+9.5
Bass	778	+8
Boots	630.5	+4.5
British Airways	601	-5.5
British Gas	181	-6.5
General Electric	394.5	+3
Grand Met	478	+0.5
Glaxo	1038	-5.5
Guiness	443	-12
HSBC (75p shs)	1251	+10
Hanson	88.5	-2.5
ICI	847.5	-11
Land Securities	707.5	-3.5
Lloyds Bank	383.5	+2
Marks & Spencer	503	-6
NatWest Bank	712	+8.5
Prudential	474.5	+7.5
Reuters	777	+8.5
Sainsbury	383	+2
Shell Transport	1018	+16
Unilever	1361.5	+5

PARIS

Name	Price	chg
Accor	880	-6
Air Liquide	784	-6
Alcatel Alsthom	438.5	+1.4
BSN	761	+1
Canal	1247	-15
Carrefour	2906	-42
Chargeurs	-	-
Club Med	370	+0.8
Cred Lyon (CI)	136.3	+1.3
Elf Aquitaine	403	-1
Euro Disney	10.9	-0.1
LVMH	1134	+1'
Lafarge Coppee	309	+0.5
Lyonn Eaux	459	-4
Michelin B	253	-1
Moulinex	95.5	+0.5
Paribas	327	-1.8
Pernod Ricard	283.1	-0.8
Peugeot	588	+3
Saint Gobain	700	+9
Total B	410.3	+3.2

FRANKFURT

Name	Price	chg
Allianz AG	1054	-0.5
BASF	49.99	+0.44
Bayer	58.93	+0.88
Commerzbank	14.3	-0.5
Daimler-Benz	84.33	+0.28
Deutsche Bank	71.33	+0.18
Dresdner Bk	39.85	+0.05
Hoechst	58.53	+1.63
Lufthansa	220.5	-1.6
Mannesmann	583	+10.2
Metallgesellschaft	27.33	+0.35
Porsche	1085.5	-4.5
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Maccabi Tel Aviv still unbeaten

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

HAPOEL Eilat fans have every reason to be shaking their heads after last night's 98-87 loss to Maccabi Tel Aviv at Yad Eliahu.

As late as midway through the second half it looked like if they just turned up the intensity a bit, Eilat might sneak away with a huge upset of the defending champs.

However Coach Moshe *Weinkrantz's* club has shown they're no road warriors, and faded into the night behind poor shot selection and the inability to stop Maccabi (4-0) inside during money time.

Eilat, tabbed by many to be a Final Four contender, dropped its third away game of the year to fall to 2-3, and fans must be wondering whether the club is for real.

Meanwhile, Maccabi Tel Aviv supporters have to be wondering just what the continued wishy-washy league performances by coach Zvi Scherf's club may mean in terms of their ability to withstand the grueling Euro League competition ahead.

Eilat got off the mark quicker than Maccabi, and was ahead early 9-4, thanks to some early offense by James Forrest. Paced by an unstoppable Amir Katz, who had 15 points in the first half on perfect shooting, including three three-pointers, Eilat built a 32-26 lead and looked like it was serious about winning in Yad Eliahu.

That's when Maccabi's offense, plagued by turnovers and missed shots, turned over a new Leaf, with Brad and Doron Sheffer combining for a 10-0 run that at first appeared to take the heart out of Eilat. However, Nanad Markovitch took over the playmaker's role and got the Eilat offense rolling again. Meir Tapiro's three-pointer tied it at 45-45, and *Weinkrantz's club might* have led at the buzzer had Chris Shabbat not missed a chip shot underneath and then fouled Buck Johnson going for the rebound. Instead, Maccabi went into the locker room ahead, 48-45.

Eilat pulled to 53-52 when evergreen Joe Dawson scored, but then Maccabi again exploited its overwhelming advantage under the basket when Nadav Henefeld scored on two straight offensive rebounds to open a 61-54 lead, making up for a series of missed threes by Derrick Sharp.

Eilat tried a zone defense that rattled Maccabi briefly, and when Sheffer had to leave after his fourth foul, it looked like the southerners were back in it. Markovitch again found Forrest underneath, or scored himself, and Eilat was within three, 61-58. But Sharp finally hit one from downtown to crack the zone, and Oded Katash followed with two more to suddenly balloon the lead to 75-65.

What followed was largely academic. Anytime Eilat threatened, Maccabi was able to pound the ball inside to either Randy White (16 points), Buck Johnson (19) or even Constantin Popa, who played most of the second half and finished with 11, including one hoop in which he played catch with himself off the glass unmolested.

Henefeld and Katash kept the ball moving around the perimeter, while Leaf and Sharp provided energy, the latter also shutting down Katz once the Eilat sharpshooter returned from a long rest on the bench in the second half. White cut down Forrest with a variety of inside moves, limiting him to just 12 points before the Eilat center fouled out.

For Maccabi, Doron Sheffer had flashes of brilliance, scoring 14 points (two three-pointers) while deftly running his team's attack, which augurs well for Thursday night's Euro League matchup vs. Panionios. Katash had 13 as Maccabi once again played just well enough to beat its opponents, but still not up to its full potential.

National Basketball League

	W	L	Pts.
Hapoel Jerusalem	5	0	10
Maccabi Tel Aviv	4	0	8
Hapoel Galil Elyon	4	0	8
Hapoel Holon	3	2	8
Maccabi Rishon	3	2	8
Givat Shmuel	2	3	7
Hapoel Eilat	2	3	7
Maccabi Ramat Gan	2	2	6
Maccabi Ra'anana	1	4	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	1	4	6
Hapoel Safed	0	5	5
Bnei Herzliya	1	3	4*

**-Herzliya has been deducted 1 point*



FREE TO PLAY – Thomas Muster leaves the International Tennis Federation headquarters in London yesterday after facing judgement for walking out in the middle of a match. (AP)

Muster escapes suspension over Davis Cup walkout

LONDON (AP) – Thomas Muster yesterday escaped a suspension over his dramatic Davis Cup doubles walkout in Brazil when the International Tennis Federation decided the $8,000 fine it had already imposed was punishment enough.

The ITF's Davis Cup Committee also imposed no punishment on the Austrian team, which defaulted its two singles matches and gave Brazil a 4-1 victory.

Muster stormed off court during last month's World Group qualifying tie in Sao Paulo. He charged that Brazilian fans had spat, cursed and thrown objects at him, and tried to blind him with mirrors.

In their defense, the Austrians said they could provide video evidence of the Brazilian fans' behavior but ITF president Brian Tobin said no concrete proof of what happened had been provided.

"The committee isn't planning to take action against Brazil," Tobin said. "As far as were are concerned the security arrangements were very good."

Muster and Anstrian tennis officials spent an hour and 20 minutes before the four-member Davis Cup Committee, chaired by ITF Tobin.

"We put all the facts on the table," Muster said. "I hope they're going to take all the facts and have a verdict which will do us justice."

Muster, accompanied by his manager Ronnie Leitgeb, flew immediately back to Austria after the hearing without waiting for the decision.

A Brazilian tennis delegation, headed by national federation vice president Aristides Marques, also appeared before the panel.

The ITF had already fined Muster $8,000 for leaving the court and making an obscene gesture.

Muster could have been suspended from Davis Cup play, or Austria could be kicked out of the competition for a year or relegated to the bottom ranks.

The incident occurred September 21 in Sao Paulo when Muster walked off court while trailing in a doubles match 0-2, 15-30, in the fifth and deciding set.

Austria forfeited that match. With Muster suspended for the reverse singles, Austria decided to forfeit the remaining two matches and lost the Davis Cup tie 4-1.

Muster said yesterday he could not tolerate it "when people say things like, 'You're not going to leave the country alive,' throwing knives, stones, spitting on you."

"The Davis Cup really shouldn't become a war," he said. "We have seen it lots in football stadiums and its shouldn't happen in tennis.

"If (fans) know they can win the tie ... by threatening people, this will go on and on. Sooner or later, there are going to be injuries somewhere."

Brazilian officials said Muster was a poor sport and dismissed his claim that he felt threatened.

The Portuguese chair umpire, Antonio Flores Marques, described Muster's actions as unjustified.

The Austrian tennis federation backed Muster's position.

In addition to Tobin, the members of the Davis Cup committee were Australia's Neale Fraser, Spain's Juan Margets and US Tennis Association president Les Snyder.

Brazilian fans have been at the center of previous stormy Davis Cup matches, most recently against Germany and Italy in 1992.

The victory for Brazil handed the Latin Americans a place in next year's Davis Cup World Group, a 16-team pool of the world's top tennis teams. Austria was relegated to the second division.

Russians arrive today for World Cup clash

ORI LEWIS

THE Russian national team arrives here today, just one day before the crucial World Cup qualifier with Israel at Ramat Gan tomorrow evening. But coach Boris Ignatiev is keeping his cards very close to his chest.

The Russian lineup has not been published, although it is expected to be very similar to the one which beat Cyprus 4-0 in Moscow last month.

Israel held a closed training session yesterday evening in a new tradition which was established before the match against Bulgaria last month. The whole squad trained without the scrutiny of the press as coach Shlomo Scharf tried various combinations to face the Russians.

Scharf's preference is to use a three-man central defensive system which could allow David Amsalem and Felix Halfon the chance to utilize their speed on the wings. Scharf is still formulating his strategy, however, but will only announce his lineup tomorrow.

Also training for its clash with Russia is the under-21 squad which meets its opponents at 5 pm in Herzliya today. The Israeli squad, coached by Yitzhak Shum, beat its Bulgarian opponents 2-0 in the corresponding encounter a day before the main clash with the Bulgarians last month. The Russians, according to Shum, will be far tougher opponents, however.

ATP to players: Mind your manners

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) – The head of the ATP Tour has warned players they can face immediate default for abusive on-court behavior.

In an open letter to the players, tour chief executive Mark Miles praises them for their support of the Kids' Fund Program and other community projects.

But he also reminds them to watch their behavior.

"We will not tolerate a player's verbal or physical abuse of an official, fellow player, member of the media or spectator," the letter says.

Miles points out that the tour's code of conduct specifies that verbal or physical abuse can result in an immediate default – rather than just a warning or point penalty.

Panthers spoil Gretzky's New York home debut

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Wayne Gretzky's first game in front of his new home fans on Sunday was hardly a Great One.

The Florida Panthers, who held Gretzky to one assist, got two goals from Brian Skrudland, including the tie-breaker 6:20 into the third period, and Rob Niedermayer added a pair of goals as the Panthers spoiled the home opener for Gretzky's New York Rangers 5-2.

Skrudland's second goal of the game, a high wrist shot over Mike Richter's glove, came just 56 seconds after Pat Flatley's tally tied it 2-2.

Scott Mellanby converted a 3-on-1 with 2:57 remaining to make it 4-2 and Niedermayer's second goal, just 43 seconds later, capped the scoring.

Panthers goalie John Vanbiesbrouck, an ex-Ranger, made 34 saves, stopping all 17 shots he faced in the first period.

Trailing 2-0 on goals by Skrudland and Niedermayer, the Rangers got on the board with a power-play goal by Niklas Sundstrom, who deflected Bruce Driver's point shot past Vanbiesbrouck with 7:27 left in the second period. Gretzky assisted on the goal for his first point as a Ranger.

Blackhawks 4, Blues 1

Chris Chelios and Murray Craven had a goal and an assist apiece and Tony Amonte set up a pair of scores.

After host St. Louis took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Peter Zezel, the Blackhawks responded with four unanswered tallies.

Craven drew Chicago even when he took a pass from Amonte, who was stationed behind the net, and slid the puck under the pads of Blues goaltender Grant Fuhr.

James Black snapped the tie 54 seconds into the second period when he tipped home a slap shot by Chelios.

Chelios and Ethan Moreau added third-period goals for the Hawks, who won their season opener in Washington on Saturday.

Chicago goalie Jeff Hackett stopped 36-of-37 shots in his first start of the season while Fuhr turned aside 27 shots.

Oilers 2, Canucks 0

Curtis Joseph stopped 35 shots, including 17 in the final period, for hissixth career shutout and Dean McAmmond and Rem Murray scored goals 93 seconds apart in the first-period as the host Oilers blanked the Canucks.

Joseph made six saves during a Vancouver power play early in the third period and blocked Pavel Bure on a breakaway with 3:30 remaining.

"The key was not letting them get many second shots," Joseph said. "We did an excellent job of clearing the puck and keeping their scorers away from the front of the net."

Corey Hirsch and Kirk McLean combined to stop 30 Oiler shots.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	2	0	0	4	8	3
New Jersey	1	0	0	2	3	1
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	2	4	3
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	1	1	2	3
N.Y. Rangers	0	1	1	1	6	9
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	3
Washington	0	1	0	0	2	5
Northeast Division						
Hartford	1	0	0	2	1	0
Boston	0	0	1	1	4	4
Montreal	0	0	1	1	3	3
Ottawa	0	0	1	1	3	3
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	0	3	4
Buffalo	0	2	0	0	3	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	2	0	0	4	9	3
Dallas	1	0	0	2	4	1
Toronto	1	0	0	2	4	1
St. Louis	1	1	0	2	5	6
Detroit	0	1	0	0	1	3
Phoenix	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pacific Division						
Edmonton	2	0	0	4	6	3
San Jose	1	0	1	3	9	8
Los Angeles	1	1	0	2	7	7
Calgary	1	1	0	2	4	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	2	3	3
Anaheim	0	1	0	0	1	4
Colorado	0	2	0	0	3	8

SUNDAY'S RESULTS:
Florida 5, NY Rangers 2
Chicago 4, St. Louis 1
Edmonton 2, Vancouver 0
Calgary 3, Buffalo 0
San Jose 7, Los Angeles 6

Local equestrian group to hold dressage tourney

HEATHER CHAIT

THE Israel Equestrian Federation will be holding a dressage competition tomorrow at Kibbutz Netzer Sereni.

Israel will be competing at the Prix St. Georges level against Slovenia, Australia and New Zealand. This is the sixth year that local riders have competed in the event and only the second time at this level.

Under the sponsorship of Samsung, the electronics giant and backer of 30 countries in this competition, Israeli riders are given the chance to test their skills before international judges sent by the Federation Equestre Internationale. This year the judges will be Dr. Wojciech Markowski from Poland and Belgian Jean Josef Otten.

Riding for Israel will be Sally Amsterdamer, Keren Mack, Tal Goren, Olga Siroz and Rana Sharon.

Following the competition will be a day clinic where the judges will appraise and instruct the riders. The event will begin at 10 am.

Merson competing with younger players for team spot

LONDON (Reuter) – Arsenal midfielder Paul Merson has emerged from a long hard battle against drug and alcohol addiction to find a new generation of players blocking his return to the England side.

Merson is back in coach Glenn Hoddle's squad for the first time since his astonishing admission in late 1994 to a life of heavy drinking, cocaine abuse and obsessive gambling.

But as England prepares to face Poland at Wembley tomorrow, the hugely-talented 28-year-old admits he will have to fight to regain his first-team place.

"It's frightening the number of young players who have emerged since I've been away," he said. "When I was last in the squad I was considered one of the youngsters.

"Now there are so many good players around and it can only be good for England and our World Cup prospects to have players like David Beckham, Gary Neville, Steve McManaman, Robbie Fowler and Dominic Matteo here.

"It made me feel a bit nervous about coming back into this, but there are still a lot of players here from when I was last around two years ago and they've been brilliant to me."

Merson, capped 14 times for England before his club and international career nosedived in 1994, has conquered his addictions through regular counseling and weekly visits to a rehabilitation clinic.

But he acknowledges he will always live with the legacy of having at one time run up betting debts of £108,000 while spending £150 pounds a night on cocaine.

"I know in 10 years or 20 years it will be just as bad for me," he said. "It will still be there and it's no laughing matter."

He says he owes his career and his life to the people who supported him through those "lost years" – the Arsenal fans and the English Football Association.

"The fans never gave me a lot of stick," he said. "I think they were too shocked with what was going on when I was playing really badly.

"But they've always been brilliant to me. They never slaughter me, even if it goes wrong. They know I'm trying as hard as I can now.

"What I did was completely and utterly wrong but they've always backed me."

Coppell appointed City manager

LONDON (Reuter) – Former Manchester United winger Steve Coppell was named as the new manager of First Division Manchester City yesterday, ending the club's 42-day search for a successor to Alan Ball.

Coppell, 41, whose playing career with United and England was cut short by injury when he was 28, was scheduled to travel north from his London home later yesterday to meet chairman Francis Lee and club officials.

Coppell has taken the job after resigning as technical director at Crystal Palace. Twelve days ago current Palace boss Dave Bassett, who replaced Coppell as manager at Selhurst Park, turned down the City job.

Coppell confirmed his appointment yesterday morning, saying: "It's a terrific challenge. I am delighted it's settled and I can get on with the task ahead of me.

"Manchester City have to be one of the best supported clubs in the country. I think it's only a matter of time before Manchester City are back in the Premier League among the big names. They have wonderful fans and we might need just a little patience."

A succession of managers turned down the chance to revive the ailing club including Bassett, George Graham, Bruce Rioch, Howard Kendall and Willie Donachie.

Coppell won 42 caps for England. After starting his career at Tranmere he made over 300 appearances for Manchester United and later managed Crystal Palace whom he took to the 1990 Cup Final which they lost to United after a replay.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer referee admits mistake

Referee Paul Danson has admitted he was wrong to send off Sunderland's Paul Stewart against Arsenal at Highbury last week and the striker will now escape a one match suspension.

Danson, who had already sent off Sunderland defender Martin Scott for two bookable fouls in the same game, agreed to review the evidence of Stewart's dismissal at a weekend referees seminar with the Football Association and the League Managers' Association.

Reuter

Birmingham player banned for pushing ref

Birmingham City defender Gary Poole was suspended for four games and fined £1,000 yesterday for pushing a referee in the back to protest a penalty decision.

Poole, who has already served two matches of the ban, pushed referee Richard Poulain from behind after the official had awarded Manchester City a penalty against Birmingham at Maine Road September 21. After Poole had been expelled, home forward Georgi Kinkladze scored from the spot for the only goal of the game. *AP*

Lasorda released from hospital

Former Los Angeles Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda left the hospital on Sunday in good condition after having a second heart operation in nearly four months.

"He's doing extremely well. The doctors don't anticipate anymore complications," said Tara Igoe, a spokeswoman for Centinela Hospital Medical Center. *Reuter*

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE chamber music concert season of the Tel Aviv Museum opens tonight with a double delight of baroque music as Jerusalem Early Music Workshop guests are featured in two concerts. The first part of the evening (8) features concerti by Vivaldi, Telemann and Bach. The second concert (9:45) showcases sacred music written in Venice between 1600 and 1660. Most recommended.



Crack fighter pilots Will Smith (left) and Harry Connick, Jr. are briefed on their assignment in 'Independence Day.'

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

SHAKESPEARE in Beirut? You bet! Cameri artistic director Omri Nitzan has directed a suavely acted, very sophisticated, very witty and very impudent *Comedy of Errors* which extols the benefits of piece without ever sermonizing. Dan Almagor's translation brings the jokes into the '90s while Ohad Shahar, Natan Datner, Ya'acov Cohen and Rami Baruch keep them aloft. Unmissable. Tonight on the Cameri mainstage at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English).

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

FOLLOWING its annual vacation the Bat-Dor Dance Company returns to perform tonight at the company's theatre in Tel Aviv a mixed program featuring Mauricio Wainrot's *Tam-Bu-Le*, Gigi Caciuleanu's captivating *Cartoons* danced to Saint-Saens's *Carnival of the Animals* and a new work by Ania Brod. They are joined by several new company members.

Thursday in Ashdod the company presents Brod's *Head of the Shoe*, Ed Wubbe's most powerful and dramatic *Schlager* and Caciuleanu's *Cartoons*.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★1/2 INDEPENDENCE DAY – Perhaps the most overblown B-movie ever made, German-born director Ronald Emmerich's techno-blockbuster about the invasion of the earth by evil extraterrestrials is best appreciated as a giant joke, a crazy send-up of the patriotic claptrap and warmongering conventions that have obsessed moviemakers since the Cold War chill first set in.

To attempt to glean some meaningful lesson from the absurd script, pointedly lousy acting and pyrotechnic displays of Our Fighting Boys slamming those wicked, squishy critters with multiple missile attacks is to risk insanity – or something much more ominous. That way a trigger-happy New World Order lies. With Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith, Bill Pullman and many others. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly cautioned.)

★★★ LEAVING LAS VEGAS – Nicolas Cage gives an enormous, excruciating performance in Mike Figgis's film, and one that's all the remarkable for its anguished attempts at humor. Until now, Cage has always played the clown – flexing his furry eyebrows and jutting his soft chin to broad comic effect. Amazingly enough, he does the same thing here, as an alcoholic Hollywood screenwriter who loses his job, burns his belongings and drives to Nevada where he intends to drink himself to death. Adapted by Figgis from an autobiographical novel by the late John O'Brien, the movie is at once harsh and tender, repellent and engrossing. And almost impossible to enjoy. Indeed, at times *Leaving Las Vegas* seems very much the brainchild of its aggressively sloshed anti-hero, torn between wanting the audience's affections and shoving us rudely away. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)



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16:00 Cartoons 16:30 Things that Can't be Sold 17:15 From Day to Day 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Magazine on the arts 20:00 News 20:45 Rumpole of the Bailey 21:45 Showcase 22:15 Cinema magazine 23:15 Video Clips 00:00 Closedown

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15:30 Butterfly Island 16:00 Mathematics for Bagrut 17:00 Mathematics in Daily Life 17:35 Australia Wild 18:00 Family Album 18:30 Auction 19:00 Moses in Jewish Tradition 19:30 Family Relations 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subtitles 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Movie Magic 22:30 The Life and Works of Cheng Dai Chen 23:30 Shakespearean Theater

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Days of Our Lives 11:20 Perla Negra 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Dallas 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Robin's Hoods 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Savannah – new series 21:40 The Tommyknockers – mini-series based on Stephen King's novel. Part 1 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Models Inc. 1:20 The Fortune Hunter

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Willing to Kill: The Texas Cheerleader Story (1992) – true story of a mother prepared to kill her daughter's friends so that her daughter can get a spot on the cheerleading squad (rpt) 13:05 Till the Clouds Roll By (1947) (rpt) 15:25 Say Amen, Somebody (1982) – documentary about gospel greats Thomas Dorsey and Willie Mae Ford Smith (rpt) 17:10 The Howard Beach Story (1989) – based on the true story of a black man killed by a white gang (rpt) 18:45 Mr. North (1988) – a Yale graduate arrives in Newport, home of America's moneyed elite, and magically changes the townspeople's lives. With Robert Mitchum, Anthony Edwards, Lauren Bacall and Anjelica Huston. Directed by Danny Huston (88 mins.) 20:20 Unspeakable Acts (1990) – a psychiatrist couple discover cases of child abuse in a private day-care center. They painfully interview the children, in order to get evidence to convict those responsible. With Jill Clayburgh and Brad Davis (94 mins.) 22:00 Gridlock (1996) – an NYPD helicopter pilot sets out to capture a gang of thieves intending to rob the federal bank after paralyzing the city in a traffic jam. With David Hasselhoff and Kathy Ireland (87 mins.) 23:35 Bruce and Shaolin (1980) – during the Japanese occupation of China, Bruce Lee defends the honor of kung-fu against a Japanese general determined to destroy all places of kung-fu study (90 mins.) 1:05 The Lover (French, 1995) – the love affair between a French schoolgirl living in 1920s Vietnam and an older Chinese man. With Jane March and Tony Long. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud. (110 mins.) 3:00 Drag Strip Girl (1994) – a poor Hispanic boy becomes involved in crime while trying to impress a rich Anglo girl (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:05 The Children from Oz 9:30 VR Troopers 10:00 Little University (rpt) 10:30 Minor Adjustments 10:55 Saved by the Bell 11:30 Black Beauty 12:00 Chiquititas 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 Popcornia 13:40 Make-Believe Closet 14:05 The Legend of the North Wind 14:35 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol 15:00 VR Troopers 15:25 Little University – America 15:55 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper 16:25 Saved by the Bell 17:00 Max Glick 17:30 Chiquititas 18:15 Mot 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 19:00 Detective Hush Hash 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 21:05 Step by Step 21:30 Look Who's Talking

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Une Nouvelle Vie (French, 1993) – Tina, a 20-year old orphan, decides to look for her father, whom she has never known, and on the way discovers a new sister, too (116 mins.) 00:00 Peking Opera Blues (Cantonese, 1986) – in 1913 China, three very different girls become involved with intrigues at the Peking Opera, as they try to get hold of stolen treasure before a corrupt general does. With Lin Ching Hsieh, Sally Yeh and Cherie Chung. Directed by Tsui Hark. (100 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 3,000 Mile Garden (rpt) 12:30 Cook on the Wild Side (rpt) 13:00 In Search Of ... 13:30 ABC Natural History 14:00 Open University 16:00 3,000 Mile Garden (rpt) 16:30 Cook on the Wild Side (rpt) 17:00 In Search Of ... (rpt) 17:30 ABC Natural History (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Harlem Diary (rpt) 21:00 National Geographic Explorer 22:00 Great Books: Alice in Wonderland 23:00 Harlem Diary (rpt) 00:00 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Ticket 6:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:00 Today 10:00 European Money Wheel 14:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 16:00 MSNBC – The Site 17:00 National Geographic 18:30 The Ticket 19:00 The Selina Scott Show 20:00 Dateline 21:30 Sailing 22:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 23:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 00:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 00:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 1:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2:00 MSNBC – Internight

STAR PLUS

6:00 Mr. Belvedere 6:30 Yan Can Cook 7:00 E! TV 7:30 The Flying Doctors 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Yan Can Cook 12:30 E! TV 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Black Beauty 14:00 Lost in Space 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Charles in Charge 16:00 M*A*S*H 16:30 Chicago Hope 17:30 The Extraordinary 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 The Twilight Zone 20:30 Baywatch 21:30 Empty Nest 22:00 Golden Girls 22:30 E! TV 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hooperman 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans 1:30 The Flying Doctors

CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Basketball: Coca-Cola Cup, Maccabi TA vs Hapoel Eilat (rpt) 18:30 English Soccer 19:30 European Basketball – pregam Maccabi Tel Aviv vs Panionios 21:00 South American Soccer Magazine 22:00 World Cup Heats: Israel vs Bulgaria (rpt) 23:30 NFL Football

EUROSPORT

8:30 Motorcycle Racing: Brazilian Grand Prix – the race (rpt) 10:00 Motor Sports Magazine 12:00 Eurogoals 13:00 Car Racing: World Cup Cross-Country Rally, Paris-Moscow-Mongolia (rpt) 14:00 Triathlon: World Cup, Brazil 15:00 Mountain Bikes 16:00 Tennis: CA Cup, Austria – live 21:00 Boxing – live 23:00 Soccer: World Cup heats 00:00 Snooker

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket: World Cup, Pakistan vs Holland 10:30 Futbol Mondial 11:00 Asia Sports Show 11:30 Soccer: Asia Youth Championships – final 13:00 Gillette Sports World 13:30 PGA Golf 14:30 Polo 15:30 Motorcycle Racing: world championships, Brazil 17:00 Asia Sports Show 17:30 Golf: Dunhill Cup 18:30 International Sports Magazine 19:30 Boxing 21:30 Thai Boxing 22:30 Soccer: Asia Youth Championships – final 00:00 Golf: Dunhill Cup 1:00 Polo 2:00 Indian Sports Magazine

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 9:15 Panorama (rpt) 10:30 Fat Man in France (rpt) 11:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 14:15 The Money Programme (rpt) 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 16:30 The Travel Show (rpt) 17:15 Panorama (rpt) 18:30 Film '96 (rpt) 21:05 Panorama (rpt) 22:30 Floyd's American Pie 23:00 International Business News

CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Inside Politics 7:30 Moneyline (rpt) 8:30 World Sport 9:30 Showbiz Today 10:30 CNN Newsroom 11:30 World Report 12:00 Business Day 13:00 Asian News 13:30 World Sport 14:00 Asian News 14:30 Business Asia 15:00 Larry King Live 16:30 World Sport (rpt) 17:30 Earth Matters 18:30 Q&A 20:00 World Business Today 20:30 CNN World News 21:00 Larry King (rpt) 22:00 European News 23:00 World Business Today 23:30 World Sport 00:00 World News Survey 1:30 Moneyline 2:00 Headline News

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Bach: Sonata no 2 in A for violin and harpsichord BWV 1015 (Huggett, Koopman); Vivaldi: Stabat Mater; Schubert: Symphony no 4 (Hanover Band/Goodman); Ravel: Piano trio (Fontana); Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet ballet scenes 12:00 Light Classical – film music 13:00 Rene Jacobs, countertenor – cantatas by Handel, Cesti, Vivaldi 14:06 Folk music from different countries 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Uzi Wiesel (cello), Arnan Wiesel (piano). Beethoven: Sonata no 4 in C op 102/1; Zvi Avni: Elegy for cello solo; Messiaen: 2 movements from Iles de feu for piano; Mendelssohn: Sonata in D op 58 16:00 My Concert with Elon Goitein 18:00 New CDs – Francesco Cavalli: Vespers for the Blessed Virgin part 2; Haydn: String quartet in E flat op 64/6; Mozart: Sonata in F for piano and violin K376 20:05 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra cond. Herbert Blomstedt, Ignat Solzhenitsyn (piano). Sibelius: En Saga; Mozart: Piano concerto no 23; Beethoven: Symphony no 7 22:00 A Musical Journey

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CINEMATHEQUE Un Ete A La Goulette 5, 7:45, 9:45 ★ There Was No War in 72 5 ★ Anna 7 ★ Underground 9 **MANDARIN COLONY** Things to Do in Denver●Independence Day 5, 7:30, 10:15 **DRIVE IN** Eraser 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight **GAN HA'IR** ☎ 5279215 71 Ibn Gabirol St. The Most Desired Man 5, 7:30 ★ Priscilla 2:30, 9:45 **GAT** ☎696788 Flirting With Disaster 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GORDON** Eat, Drink, Man, Woman weekdays 5:30, 7:45, 10 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Nutty Professor●The Eigth Day●St. Clara 5, 7:30, 10 ★ To Die For 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** A Time to Kill 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10 ★ Trainspotting 1:15, 5:15, 7:45, 10 ★ Le Affinita Elettive 11 a.m., 1, 5, 8, 10 ★ Cold Comfort Farm 11, 3, 7:45 ★ Antonia's Line 11:15 a.m., 3:15 ★ Mon. Homme 1, 3, 5, 10 **G.G. PE'ER** Twister●The Eigth Day●St. Clara 5, 7:30, 10. ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialog)* 11 a.m. ★ Two Bits 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Cable Guy 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ Swan Princess *(Hebrew dialog)* 11 a.m. ★ The Rock 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(English dialog)* ● It Takes Two●Muppets Island 5, 7:30, 9:50 **G.G. TAYELET 1-3** ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. Crying Freeman●Eraser●Two Bits 7:30, 10 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Twister●Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 10, ★ Mission Impossible 5, 7:30, 10; **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Nelly and Mr. Arnaud 5, 8

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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Cold Comfort Farm 9:15 ★ Trainspotting 7:15, 9:15 ★ Antonia's Line 7:15 **ATZMON** Twister●Nutty Professor 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ The McMullen Brothers ● Priscilla 4:30, 7, 9:20 ★ Mission Impossible 4:30, 7, 9:20 **GLOBECITY** The Eighth Day 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Twister●Nutty Professor●St. Clara 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. **MORIAH CAFE** ☎ 8643654 Trainspotting 7:30, 9:30 **ORLY**☎ 8381868 Flirting With Disaster 7, 9:20 **PANORAMA** A Time to Kill 6:50, 9:30; weekdays 4:30, 6:45, 9:30 ★ Lawnmower II 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Two Bits 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialog)* ●Twister●Swan Princess 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Independence Day 4, 6:50, 9:40 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Cable Guy 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Flirting Disaster 5, 7, 9:30 ★ Independence Day 4, 6:45, 9:45 ★ Spy Hard 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ Beautiful Girls 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Phenomenon 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Spy Hard 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ Phenomenon 4:45, 7, 9:30

AFULA
RAV CHEN ☎6424047 Twister●Phenomenon 7, 9:30 ★ Spy Hard 9:30 ★ Cable Guy 7 ★ James and the Giant Peach weekdays 11 a.m

ARAD
STAR The Cable Guy 7:30, 10 ★ Striptease 7:15, 9:45 ★ It Takes Two●Swan Princess 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ Princess Swan 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ Two Bit 7:30, 10

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Cable Guy●Spy Hard●St. Clara 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Independence Day 4:30, 7:15, 10 **G.G. ORI 1-3**☎ 711223 Twister●Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Flipper 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ Phenomenon 5, 7:30, 10

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL ☎ 729977 Twister●Nutty Professor●St. Clara 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Trainspotting 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialog)* . 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 711223 Spy Hard●Cable Guy 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Phenomenon 7:30, 9:50 ★ Independence Day 4:10, 7, 9:50 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame*(Hebrew dialog)* 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ It Takes Two 5 **BAT YAM**
RAV CHEN Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Independence Day 4, 7, 9:50 ★ Twister 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Cable Guy 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 9:45 **G.G. GIL** Twister●St. Clara●The Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 10 ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎ 235278 Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 4, 7, 9:50 ★ Cable Guy 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 5, 7:15, 9:45

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LEV Twister 5, 7:30, 10 ★ James and the Giant Peach 5 ★ Cable Guy 7:30, 10 ★ Princess Swan 5, 10:10 ★ Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Independence Day 7:30.

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COLONY Things To Do In Denver●Independence Day 5, 7:30, 10 **DANIEL HOTEL** The Eighth Day 5, 7:30, 10 **STAR**☎ 589068 Twister 7:30, 10 ★ A Time to Kill 7:15, 10 ★ The Nutty Professor 7:45, 10

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KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. GIL The Nutty Professor●Independence Day●St. Clara●Twister 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame*(Hebrew dialog)* 4:45 ★ The Rock 7, 9:30 ★ A Time to Kill 7, 9:30 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialog)* 4:45 ★ It Takes Two 4:45 ★ Swan Princess *(Hebrew dialog)* ; 4:45

KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎ 6905080 Twister●Spy Hard 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ A Time to Kill 7:15, 10 ★ Babysitters 5

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STAR Independence Day 7:15, 10 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(Hebrew dialog)* 11 a.m., 5 ★ The Cable Guy 7:30, 10 ★ Babysitters 7:30, 10

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL Trainspotting 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Independence Day 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Twister●Cable Guy●The Nutty Professor●Spy Hard 4:30, 7, :30 ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Twister●The Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 10 ★ The Eigth Day 5, 7:30, 10 ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 Twister●St. Clara●The Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 10 ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Trainspotting 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** Spy Hard 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 7:15, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Cable Guy 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ James and the Giant Peach 5 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame*(Hebrew dialog)* 11 a.m.

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PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL Twister●The Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 10 ★ A Time to Kill 4:15, 7, 10 **G.G. RAM 1-3** ☎ 9340818 Independence Day 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Cable Guy●Trainspotting 5, 7:30, 10

RA'ANANA
CIN-MOFET Trainspotting weekdays 8:30 **PARK** Spy Hard●Twister 5, 7:30, 10:15 ★ Phenomenon 10:15 ★ Independence Day 4:#0, 7:15, 10:15 ★ James and the Giant Peach 5 ★ Cable Guy 5, 7:30

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 7:30, 9:45 ★ Beautiful Girls 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Twister 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ James and the Giant Peach 5 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 Cable Guy●The Nutty Professor 5, 7:30, 9:50 ★ Independence Day 4:10, 7, 9:50

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV Independence Day 4:15, 7, 9:30 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame*(Hebrew dialog)* 11:30 a.m.

REHOVOT
CHEN ☎ 9362868 A Time To Kill 7, 9:45 ★ Mon. Homme 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Nutty Professor 7:30, 9:45 ★ St. Clara 7:30, 10 **RAV MOR 08-9493595** Cable Guy 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Twister 5, 7:30, 9:45

RISHON LEZION
GAL 1-5 ☎ 9619669 The Rock●Eraser●Mission Impossible ● To Die For 7:30, 10 ★ Phenomenon 7:30, 10 ★ Trainspotting 7:30, 10 **GIL 1-3** A Time to Kill 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Nutty Professor●Twister 5, 7:30, 10. **HAZAHAV** A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ James & the Giant Peach 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ Nutty Professor●Twister 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 10 ★ St. Clara 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 9670503 Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Cable Guy 7:30, 9:45 ★ James and the Giant Peach 5 **STAR**☎ 9619685 Dogs Are Color Blinds 7:45, 10 ★ Two Bits 7:30, 10 ★ Independence Day 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Cable Guy 7:30, 10

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RAV CHEN Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 7:15, 9:45 ★ Cable Guy 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ James and Giant Peach 5

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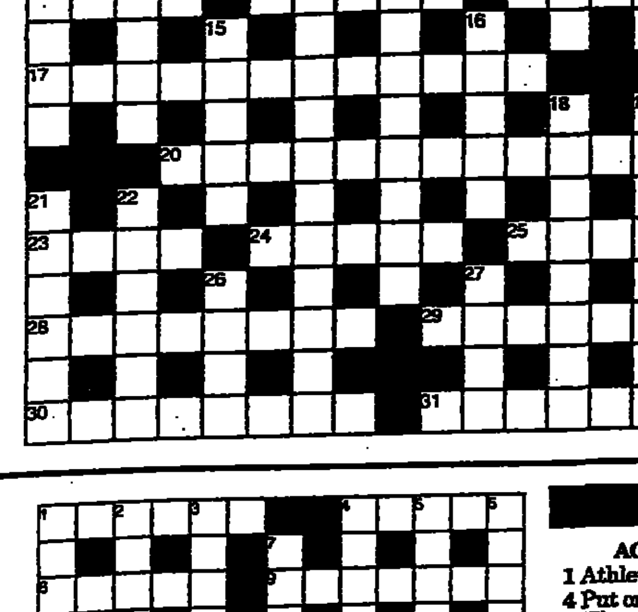
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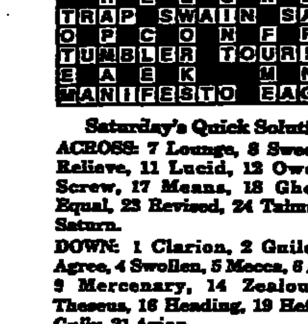
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4 Fast trip crossing town (8)
9 Senior electrician in the studio puts a mistake right (6)
10 In such a state there's no need for alarm (8)
12 This god turned back where East and West meet (4)
13 Cold as some eels are said to be (5)
14 Part of a nasty eye-lid (4)
17 Pity a vital ingredient in New York seasonal entertainment (8,4)
20 Breaking in by a burglar results in a criminal record (7,5)
23 Vegetable in need of a plug, we hear (4)
24 Strangely eager to come to terms (5)
25 Song needs a tuneful backing (4)
28 Enormous leakage in fuel (8)
29 Group going round an evil gambling den (6)
30 Drunken purser is disposed to stagger (8)
31 Start breeding a bird dog (6)

DOWN

1 Something to read in the powder room (8)
2 Doesn't pay for a new flat, sued (8)
3 Employed to collect various dues (4)
5 He'll suffer in court if his driving is bad (6,6)
6 No success at keeping a girl quiet (4)
7 Fancy becoming a tenor maybe (6)
8 He picks the winning ticket but returns the prize (6)
11 Does this reflect the elements? (7,5)
15 Lives wildly, producing social problems (5)
16 Reprimanded severely for having spiked the drink (5)
18 Prison clique is causing trouble (8)
19 Mr O'Casey crashed in American plane (8)
21 The opposite of bustles—yet still worn (6)
22 Indiscreet bank official? (6)
26 A good man rises to King and Emperor (4)
27 Spirited match (4)

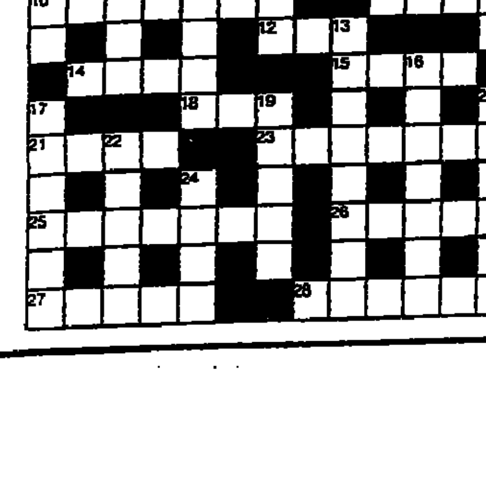


SOLUTIONS



Saturday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 7 Lounge, 8 Sweets, 10 Relieve, 11 Lucid, 12 Owed, 13 Screw, 17 Means, 18 Ghee, 22 Equal, 23 Revised, 24 Talmud, 25 Saturn.
DOWN: 1 Clarion, 2 Guilder, 3 Agree, 4 Swollen, 5 Mecca, 6 Aside, 9 Mercenary, 14 Zealous, 15 Theseus, 16 Heading, 19 Hefty, 20 Gully, 21 Avian.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Athlete (6)
4 Put on the scales (5)
8 New (5)
9 Lattice work (7)
10 Arbiter (7)
11 Inflamed eyelid (4)
12 Dance step (3)
14 Excuse (4)
15 Assistant (4)
18 Meadow (3)
21 Lease (4)
23 Seepage (7)
25 Income (7)
26 Perfect (5)
27 Under (5)
28 Method (6)

DOWN

1 Former (anag.) (6)
2 Essential (7)
3 Heavenly (8)
4 Shed tears (4)
5 Creek (5)
6 Hurry (6)
7 Precipitous (5)
13 Wisdom (8)
16 Speech pattern (7)
17 Innocent child (6)
19 Foreign (5)
20 Uproar (6)
22 Competitor (5)
24 Comprehend (4)

Olmert's immunity lifted at his request

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset House Committee yesterday unanimously accepted a request by MK Ehud Olmert (Likud) to lift his parliamentary immunity so he can stand trial for an alleged fundraising scam during the 1988 elections.

Olmert, who is also mayor of Jerusalem, was not present for the discussion, but was represented by attorney Yigal Arnon, who said that immunity had turned into a trap for MKs.

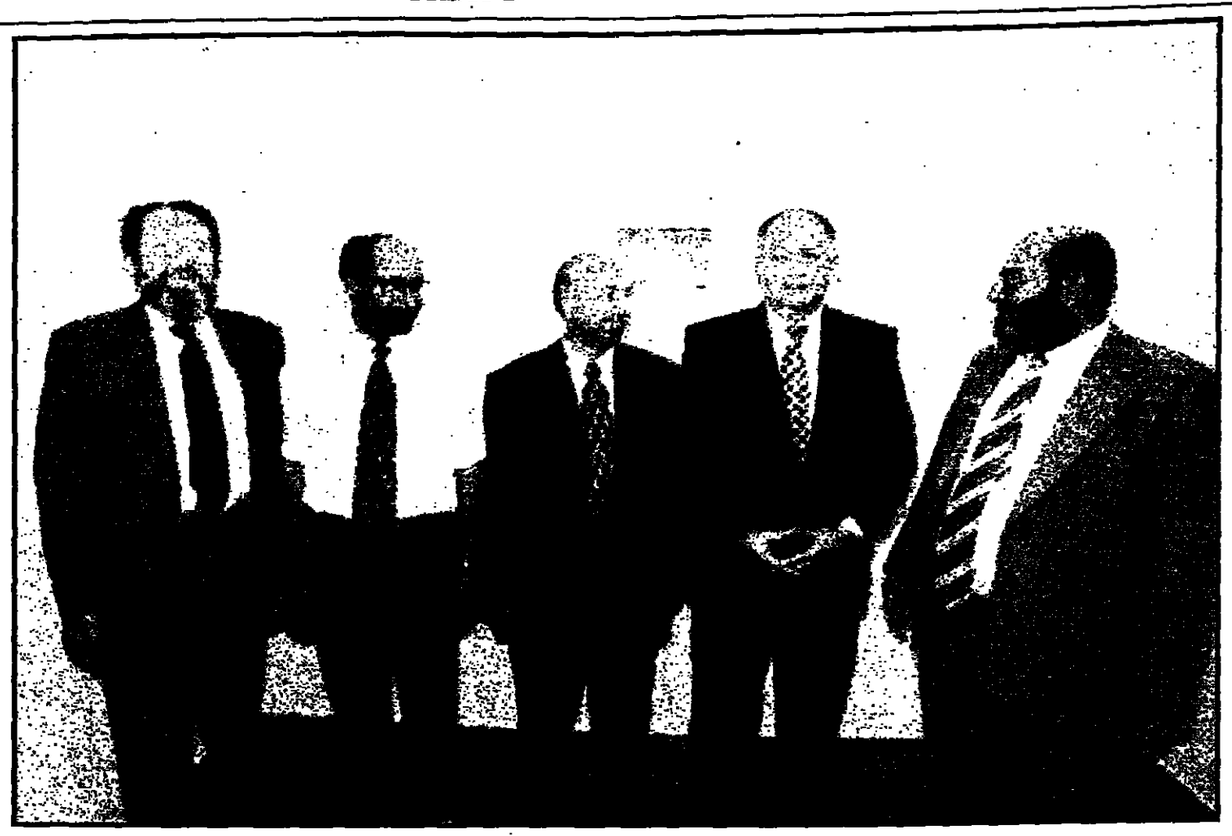
Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair accepted the committee's decision and said he would not file charges until the High Court had heard Olmert's petition in which he claims the decision to press the charges against him is illegal. The hearing is set for Sunday.

The committee was chaired by Avraham Stern (National Religious Party). The permanent chairman, Raphael Pinhasi (Shas), has exempted himself from meetings on immunity because his own case is still being decided on. The temporary chairman Michael Eitan (Likud) disqualified himself because he had raised some of the charges when he investigated the case himself while Olmert was Likud treasurer.

Eitan said the case involved "the disappearance of tremendous sums," but Arnon noted Olmert was not charged with personally pocketing money.

"The idea of immunity was to save innocent MKs from long trials which would prevent them from carrying out their public duties," Arnon said. "But you should understand that immunity originally intended for the innocent has become the sanctuary of the guilty. It has become a trap for life for the innocent, because a person can't become a deputy minister, minister, or even committee chairman, without a decision by the courts."

Ben-Yair, Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar, Arnon, and committee members all raised the problem of the suffering caused to a public figure by the delay in standing trial. Arnon noted that four out of the five mayors who had been charged in the past few years had been found innocent, but had been forced to suffer what amounted to a miscarriage of justice while waiting for the outcome of the court case.



At yesterday's dedication of a Moslem prayer room at the Knesset are (from right) MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe (United Arab List), Speaker Dan Tichon, MKs Abdul Wahab Darawshe and Taleb a-Sanaa (both UAL), and Knesset secretary Shmuel Hollander. (Harari)

Knesset gets Moslem prayer room

LIAT COLLINS

AMONG the improvements rendered to the Knesset building in time for the opening of the winter session yesterday was a small prayer room for Moslem MKs.

The room, not far from the synagogue, used to be a secretary's office. It still has the base of a mezuza on the door, but inside it is simply furnished with prayer mats, a closet for prayer books, and a picture of the Aksa Mosque on Temple Mount.

A handwritten sign declares it "The Haq Mosque" (The Mosque of Justice).

Speaker Dan Tichon was among those who took their shoes off to enter the room for the inauguration, and noted the room was provided as soon as Moslem MKs, who said they are in the Knesset building for four of the five daily prayer times on a regular workday, requested it.

Talab a-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party), admitted the room is small, adding with a smile, "but it's a start."

But the opening of the prayer room coincided with the submission of a bill by MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) which would make Hebrew the only official language of the country. The bill was hastily submitted when Zandberg learned some Arab MKs intended addressing the plenum in Arabic.

The Knesset building has undergone NIS 6 million in renovations during the recess, including new elevators, kitchens, an improved meat canteen, and more rooms.

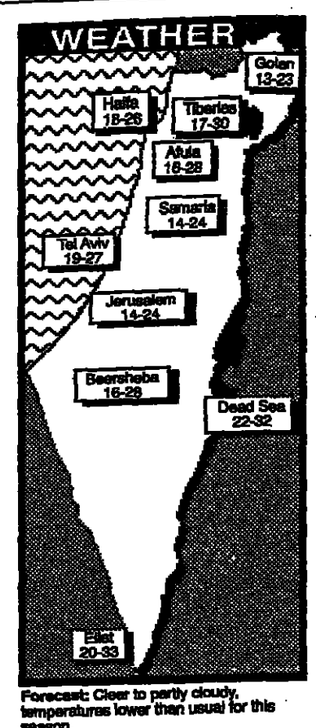
The first art exhibition in the MKs' corridor is dedicated to works by new immigrants, reflecting the fact that the new head of the Decoration Committee is Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), who also chairs the Immigration and Absorption Committee.

Not all the changes were considered for the better. Labor faction members were surprised to find their faction room had been made smaller to add more office space; causing a feeling of intimacy as MKs crammed in for a meeting with party leader Shimon Peres.

Tichon said he aimed at making non-cosmetic changes in the Knesset, too. He noted the House Rules have not been updated to cope with such developments as electronic voting and the direct election of the prime minister.

One thing that has kept up to date is MKs' wages. They got a salary rise of 33 percent this month, although there is now a stricter limit on the amount of moonlighting they can do.

Yossi Katz (Labor) asked House Committee chairman Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) to ensure there would be no discussion of loosening the restrictions on additional paid work, as requested by some MKs.



Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy, temperatures lower than usual for this season.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	08	43	14	57	clear
Berlin	05	41	14	57	cloudy
Buenos Aires	11	52	22	72	pcloudy
Cairo	20	68	30	86	clear
Chicago	10	50	21	70	pcloudy
Copenhagen	04	39	14	57	clear
Frankfurt	03	37	14	57	cloudy
Geneva	07	45	12	54	cloudy
Helsinki	05	41	14	57	cloudy
Hong Kong	25	77	29	84	clear
Jo'burg	14	57	25	77	cloudy
Lisbon	12	54	23	73	clear
London	07	45	13	55	cloudy
Los Angeles	18	64	28	82	clear
Madrid	08	46	19	66	rain
Montreal	02	36	10	50	clear
Moscow	01	34	13	55	clear
New York	09	48	15	59	pcloudy
Paris	08	46	16	59	clear
Rome	14	57	21	70	clear
Stockholm	06	43	15	59	cloudy
Sydney	17	63	23	73	rain
Tokyo	18	64	23	73	cloudy
Toronto	04	39	13	55	clear
Vienna	08	46	10	50	x
Zurich	05	41	10	50	cloudy

Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance draw, the winning cards were the queen of spades, the king of hearts, the eight of diamonds and the seven of clubs.

Group petitions High Court to indict Shaki

EVELYN GORDON

THE Movement for Quality Government in Israel petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision not to indict National Religious Party MK Avner Shaki.

The case involves three allocations made in 1990 by the ministerial committee on bequests, of which Shaki, then religious affairs minister, was a member. He recommended allocations totaling NIS 820,000 to three institutions run by his family members and political cronies, without informing the committee of his connections to them or disqualifying himself from the decisions. In 1994, Ben-Yair decided there was no public interest in indicting Shaki for fraud and breach of trust, but two months ago, the High Court overturned this decision.

However, Ben-Yair decided two weeks ago that he could not indict Shaki anyway, since the five-year statute of limitations on misdemeanors had expired while the High Court was considering the petitions against his original decision.

The movement challenged this latest decision of Ben-Yair's on two grounds.

The law states that the clock for the statute of limitations does not run while an investigation is being conducted. Ben-Yair argued that an investigation comprises only actual police work, which in Shaki's case ended in July 1991. However, the movement argued that an investigation also includes the process of weighing the evidence and deciding whether to indict. Under this interpretation, the Shaki investigation did not end until June 1994, when Ben-Yair decided not to indict him.

The movement also argued that Shaki's status as an MK stopped the clock, since by law, the clock does not run during any period in which an MK is prevented from standing trial due to his parliamentary immunity.

Ben-Yair had argued that this law, which is meant to ensure that MKs do not take advantage of immunity proceedings to run out the clock, does not apply to Shaki's case. He explained that since he never got as far as asking the Knesset to lift Shaki's immunity, Shaki's status as an MK in no way delayed the proceedings against him. It is irrational to say Shaki should be given fewer rights than an ordinary citizen just because he is an MK, Ben-Yair added, and that is what extending the statute of limitations would do in a case where immunity proceedings played no part in what happened.

However, the movement argued that the clock stops as long as someone is an MK, even if his parliamentary immunity has no impact on the time that has passed.

Knesset aims to improve behavior in plenum

LIAT COLLINS

THE heads of Knesset factions decided yesterday to establish an apparatus to strengthen the Knesset's status and maintain acceptable norms of parliamentary discourse.

But Yisrael Ba'aliya faction head Roman Bronfman proved prophetic when he said the test would be the prime minister's address, which opened the winter session later on.

For all the agreements, the plenum discussion was stormy and marked by heckling, mainly from the left.

At the meeting, initiated by coalition faction chairman Michael Eitan, it was decided the faction heads would meet informally to discuss complaints of unreasonable behavior and harm to the Knesset's standards.

Speaker Dan Tichon also met with faction heads to repeat his call for better behavior in the plenum. He said he expects the winter session "to be hot," but said he would not tolerate "Ba-Gadism," gimmicks like those carried out by former MK Yosef Ba-Gad.

Eitan told the MKs it was important to recall that the public saw only the arguments and did not see MKs sitting down to eat meals together in the canteen.

Salah Salim (Hadash) said the Arab MKs had felt discriminated against in the last Knesset because of statements that the government only got in on the Arab vote. "These are statements that do not become a democracy," he said.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi, however, said it is not right to ask MKs to change their tone, as this would limit the expression of their views. He said comparisons had shown that the Knesset is no worse than other parliaments around the world.

Labor MKs meet to declare support for Peres as party leader

A GROUP of Labor MKs met in the Knesset yesterday to express their support for Shimon Peres as the party leader.

The MKs included Yossi Beilin, Yael Dayan, Rafi Elul, Yona Yahav, Ephraim Oshaya, Dalia Itzik and Moshe Shahal. Shlomo Ben-Ami and Rafi Edri expressed interest but were unable to attend the meeting.

Although the press had been invited initially, Beilin asked that the meeting be closed.

Following the discussions behind closed doors, it was announced that the MKs had asked to meet with Peres and the party to explain their position. Their main demands are to delay the elections for the party leadership and to hold elections for candidacy for the premiership only a year before the general elections.

They said they would drum up support for Peres on the street and expect thousands to sign a statement supporting Peres as Labor leader. *Liat Collins*

Azani named new Prisons Service commissioner

BILL HUTMAN

NORTHERN District Police chief Cmdr. Amos Azani has been appointed to replace outgoing Prisons Service Commissioner Arye Bibi, the Internal Security Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The appointment came as a surprise, as Cmdr. Yossi Levy, head of Police Investigations, was considered the top candidate for the post.

The move is likely to be followed by other senior appointments.

Cmdr. Alec Ron, head of the Judea and Samaria District, is Azani's most likely replacement. If Ron goes to the North, he is likely to be replaced by Cmdr. Avi Cohen, who heads the ministry's "headquarters," a relatively new post that was originally slated to be done away with, according to police sources.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani has decided not to ax the headquarters, and instead offered Levy the possibility of becoming its new head.

The headquarters functions as the minister's personal advisory unit on police affairs and coordinates between the ministry and the police.

"I told the minister that I will get back to him concerning the offer," Levy said. He said he was weighing it against several offers he received from the private sector.

Azani, 45, is to take his new post in January, following Bibi's retirement. Levy is scheduled to be replaced on November 1 by Cmdr. Sando Mazor.

Kahalani recently met with both Azani and Levy to tell them of his decision. Azani served as Levy's deputy before taking command of the Northern District two years ago, and police sources said they remain on good terms.

Secular Humanistic Jews call for acceptance of the intermarried

ELDAD BECK

PARIS

THE Sixth Congress of the International Federation of Secular and Humanistic Jews ended over the weekend with a call to religious Jews to nurture and strengthen Jewish identity by accepting the diversity of the Jewish people.

The three-day conference, dedicated to the issue of "Jews among the nations," was held at the Sorbonne. In a closing statement, the participants warned that the rejection of pluralistic Judaism by rabbinic authorities has led in some communities to the emergence of a chauvinism that focuses attention solely on Jewish concerns and ignores the problems of the world at large.

Secular Humanistic Judaism offers a non-theistic approach to Jewish identity and culture.

One of the major topics discussed was intermarriage, with the conference calling for acceptance of the intermarried and their spouses.

"Thousands of Jews are being thrown away by their communities for the crime of falling in love. We must recognize that rejection and condemnation are not a valid way to face this phenomenon," said Prof. Hershel Hartman of the US.

Zadok: Courts, not Knesset, should rule on lifting immunity

EVELYN GORDON

THE time has come for decisions on lifting an MK's parliamentary immunity to be removed from the Knesset's hands, former justice minister Haim Zadok said at a meeting of former MKs at the Knesset yesterday.

They asked Zadok to lecture on the subject apropos of Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon's decision to set up a public committee to examine MKs' immunity. Former Likud MK Moshe Nissim, who has served as justice, finance and industry minister, is to head the committee.

Zadok noted that in Israel, there are two kinds of parliamentary immunity. Substantive immunity protects an MK from prosecution for anything done in the course of his job, or "in order to perform his job," and cannot be removed. Procedural immunity protects an MK from prosecution even for crimes unrelated to his work, but the Knesset can revoke it.

The Knesset is supposed to refuse to lift procedural immunity only in specific circumstances, such as if the attorney-general has prepared the indictment due to political motivations.

Procedural immunity does not exist in most other parliamentary democracies, such as Britain and Canada, Zadok noted. It was meant to protect MKs from harassment via frivolous indictments and was rooted in the deep distrust of the judicial system which developed during the Mandatory period. However, he said, now that Israel has a well-established, independent prosecution and judiciary, the need for this law is questionable.

Israel's substantive immunity is also unusually wide, Zadok said, since in most countries, substantive immunity does not extend outside the parliament's walls and certainly does not include acts committed by the MK "in order to perform" his job.

However, he continued, even if the public commission decides to leave MKs' immunity intact, it should transfer the power to lift it to the courts.

The Knesset, Zadok said, is by its nature a political body and cannot help being influenced by political considerations. he cited the case of Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi. The Knesset decided to lift Pinhasi's immunity in March 1993, but the High Court of Justice ordered a revote that July. During the revote, the Knesset decided not to lift Pinhasi's immunity. The only change that had occurred was the government's coalition considerations, Zadok said.

"Therefore, it would be appropriate for decisions on lifting an MK's immunity ... to be transferred to the judiciary," he concluded.

Histadrut OKs dismissals and budget cuts

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut leadership yesterday approved a series of drastic measures in an attempt to overcome the financial crisis threatening the labor federation's existence, including the dismissal of some 600 workers, wage cuts, and closing down most local labor councils.

Histadrut leaders warned that the budget deficit of NIS 150 million and accumulated debts of some NIS 2 billion will lead to collapse unless drastic steps are taken.

The Histadrut never recovered from the "revolution" effected by former chairman Haim Ramon two years ago, including selling off its assets and the National Health Insurance Law, which severed it from Kupat Holim Clalit, its main source of income. The Histadrut now has a NIS 20 million monthly deficit and can hardly pay its workers or finance other activities.

The economic measures are to save the Histadrut NIS 100 million a year.

After a five-hour debate, the leadership approved only some of the proposals presented by Chairman Amir Peretz and Treasurer Shmuel Avital. They included dismissing some 600 workers, reducing local labor councils from 80 to 28, and a NIS 10 million wage cut. A limit to on wages for senior officials was also set.

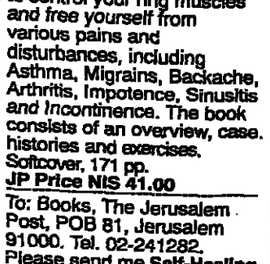
The leadership rejected other proposals, however, including cutting the wages of elected officials and the leadership by 10% and wage cuts which involved blatant infringement of work agreements. The senior officials, however, will be asked to forgo the return of a "loan" to the Histadrut, which was deducted from their wages last year.

The leadership also failed to approve reducing the Histadrut departments by half, a move which would have caused objections from Labor and Ram officials who would have had to give up their positions.

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